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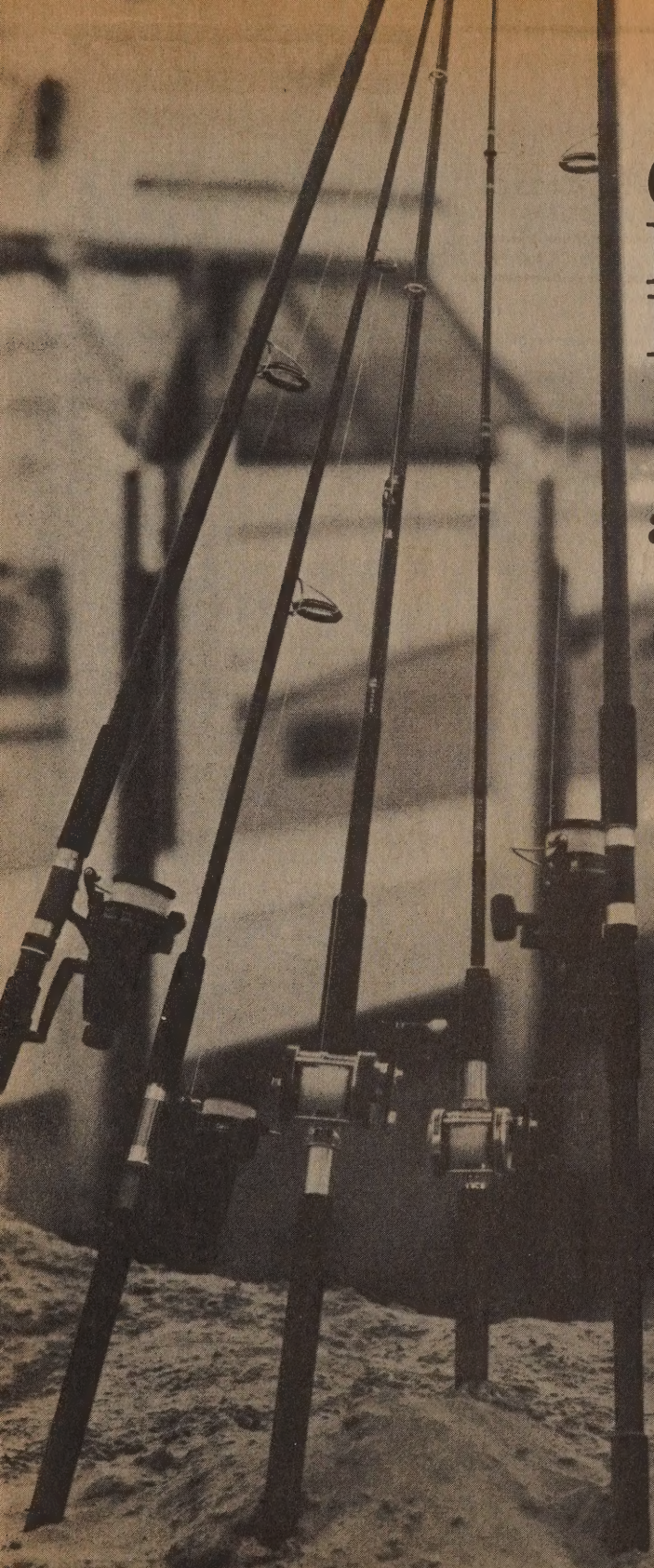

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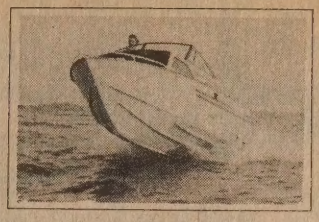

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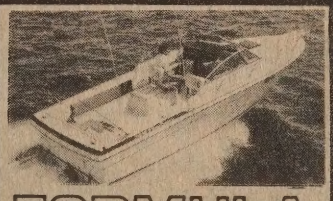

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2nd Place—Freeport Tuna Club, largest fish was 2 lbs. 5 oz., caught by Max Horowitz.

3rd Place—Atlantic Rod & Gun Club, largest fish 2 lbs., caught by Scott Weiss.

CG STATION FIRE ISLAND TO HOST OPEN HOUSE!

On Saturday, May 19th, Coast Guard Station Fire Island will be hosting an Open House from 10AM until 4:30PM. If you have often wondered what a Coast Guard Station is like, this is the day to find out. There will be tours of the Communications Center, an opportunity to see a Coast Guard Patrol Boat, and the chance to see what buoys look like when out of the water. The few hours that your family can spend at the C.G. Station will be filled with educating information as to how the C.G. operates and what a station looks like from the inside out.

Special permission will be granted to vessels that come by water to enter and dock at the Coast Guard Station. During the day, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will have available courtesy examiners to perform vessel examinations. Bring your boat by water or by trailer for a CME. If all the required federal and state equipment is on board and in good condition, a CME decal will be affixed to your vessel's windshield. This is an outward sign to both your friends and law enforcement officers that you have taken the time to care and assure yourself that your vessel is properly equipped.

Also, on display will be a safe boating and information booth where you may have your boating questions answered. Pamphlets will be available describing the new look to the buoy system, how to make emergency repairs while afloat, legal requirements, equipment for a CME, First Aid and a look at the activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. A fun time can be had by all who attend. Start the boating season with a free CME, a day at the Coast Guard Station and time with your friends on the water—the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

If additional information is required, call the Public Affairs Officer at (516) 582-4574. For the trailer boaters, take the Robert Moses Causeway to the end, circle the water tower to the left and follow the roadway around to the C.G. Station.

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE FOR '84

The Freeport Tuna Club elected to office for 1984 the following:

President—Bart Yenna; 1st Vice President—Mike Sullivan; 2nd Vice President—Alan Radi; Treasurer—Fred Vanefsky and Secretary—Bob Lederer.

Board of Directors: Frank Delman, Sam Klein, John McCrea, Jim Johnson, Al Reiburn, Bob Trapani, Ed Keneske, Richard Weissberg, Bob Lederer, Bart Yenna, Max Horowitz, Jerry Kapeauf, Syl Mazzilli, Jeff Squeri, Ed Schuh, Paul Pezar, Alan Radi, Joe Impellizeri, Mike Sullivan, and Fred Vanefsky.

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK!

This is the motto that should be on the tip of your tongue during the upcoming boating season.

Division One, of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to remind you that drinking while boating is not only illegal, but also dangerous.

The 1984 Safe Boating Week theme is THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK! It has been shown that many of the needless and unnecessary boating accidents that occur do so because the operator was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. If you want to drink, ask someone else to drive. If there is no one to do the driving, then stay over where you are for the night. It is far better to stay for one night where you are than to spend many nights hoping to survive a boating collision.

Division One of the Auxiliary, whose area is from Amityville to Bellport, would like to see everyone have a safe and rewarding boating season. Remember, while out on the water, if you should need Coast Guard assistance, you can reach them on channel 16 VHF or on channel 9 CB. Call the Fire Island Coast Guard and be ready to identify the problem, your EXACT location, the description of your vessel and the people on board. If it is a Saturday or a Sunday, and you don't

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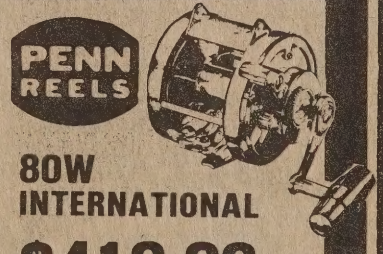

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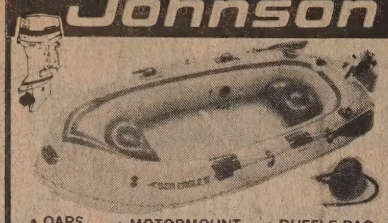

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Remember to boat safely and especially THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK.

GATEWAY AWARDS FOR 1983

After completing the most successful year in its history, Gateway Striper Club of Belle Harbor, New York recently feted its 1983 club awards winners. Among the winners for best of species were:

Striped Bass—Thornton Booker, 42 lbs. 14 oz.

Weakfish—Joseph Klosek, 13 lbs. 2 oz.

Bluefish—John Levey, 19 lbs. 8 oz.

The winners in the largest of species categories each set new club records, as did Joe Klosek with 495 total points. The club wishes to congratulate all of the members for their great season and wishes them continued success for 1984.

LITCC OPENS INFORMATION CENTERS FOR '84

"In 1983 we greeted 111,000 visitors at our tourist information centers," says Eleanor Simpson, President of Long Island Tourism & Convention Commission. "We expect that more than 120,000 visitors will take advantage of this service in 1984."

LITCC's information centers will open in May and remain active—with much volunteer help—through October. Official opening for the Nassau Center (Valley Stream) on Southern State parkway between Exits 13-14, is Friday, May 18 at 10:30 AM. Ceremonies will herald the approach of National Tourism Week (May 27-June 2) and will be addressed by County Executive Francis Purcell and other public officials. The Nassau center will be open for several weeks prior to the official celebration in order that staff members may prepare for the seasonal operation.

In Suffolk, the railroad car-styled information center (Dix Hills) on the L.I. Expressway between Exits 51-52, will open Monday, May 21 at 10:30AM. County Executive Peter Cohalan will lead a contingent of town and county officials proclaiming Suffolk hospitality to visitors. Featured in the Suffolk ceremonies will be the presentation of an American flag, which will mark the site of the information center, by County Legislator Donald Allgrove.

Hours of operation at the two centers "vary through the season," reports Mrs. Simpson, "depending on available staffing and the volume of visitors requiring services. We are greatly indebted to many individual volunteers, senior citizen groups and organizations such as REACT, who make this service possible."

CHUM LINES

YES—YOU WERE RIPPED OFF!

Please be advised that "as a subscriber to your publication for many years," I often make decisions regarding my fishing outings based on your good judgment, and knowledge which you share with your readers. That is why I feel compelled to write this letter to enlighten you and others who read your column.

On March 10th, myself and three fishing buddies left Flushing, Queens to do some codfishing. We arrived about 5:30 and departed on an open boat without incident. The fare was $30 and the pool was $10. There were about 15 fares on board and the fishing was slow (no reflection on the captain, who tried several spots and finally ran into some fish). All three mates took no concern for the fares and stationed themselves in the stern, leaving very little space, as well as fish for the rest of us.

In the cabin they have a sign posted stating you *must* give the mates 15 percent of all pool monies, and for a small fee they will clean your fish and weigh in all pool fish at the dock; so if you think you might be a contender for the pool your fish cannot be cleaned, since there are no accommodations at the dock for this.

Upon showing the mate my fish, he insisted that another fare had a larger fish than I did. Upon which, I insisted that they both be weighed—with a gravity scale to determine the winner, which proved mine to be larger and the winner of the pool.

He then called me into the cabin and said I had won $70 in pool monies. Not taking the time to count my winnings, I proceeded to give him $20 (adding although NO SERVICES WERE RENDERED on this voyage). While en route to Flushing, I discovered I only had $40—which leads me to believe he took out 15 percent, automatically giving him a grand total of $30 and me $40. I think this is the biggest RIP-OFF I have ever encountered in all the years I've been fishing. Is this fair and just? You be the judge. Please PASS THIS ON so that others might be aware of these procedures. *Moe D'Andrea.*

Dear Moe,

You are under no obligation to tip any mate, charter or party boat, if you are dissatisfied with your treatment during the course of a day's fishing. Mates are there to serve you, the paying fare, although the trend on a few boats in recent years seems to be away from customer service. Instead, as you mentioned in your letter, some mates are more preoccupied with cat-

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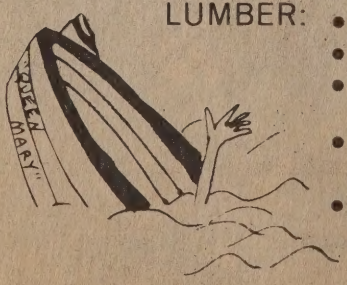

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ching fish for the market and their own pockets. We have received a number of complaints involving all ports and concerning customers being neglected while mates fish. Fortunately, this problem concerns only a small segment of the industry as a whole. The best solution to the problem is to speak or write directly to the captain of owner of the boat involved and make him aware of what's going on and how you feel about it. If the problem persists, the solution is simple. Take your business where paying fares get the service they deserve.

In reference to a percentage of the pool being deducted: A healthy tip from the pool winner is commonplace in the industry. Being told to tip 15 percent of the pool is something that may turn many people off. If you're among them, once again—patronize a boat with different policies. Oh, and yes, you did get "ripped off." But, counting the payoff on the boat would have avoided it! Fred Golofaro.

SURFERS VS. LISPRC

On March 25, 1984, Newsday printed an article in Dave Knickerbocker's "Outdoor" column entitled, "Surfers Have a Problem with City Hall." The author gave the surfers group—the Eastern Surfers Association—a forum to air their claims of harassment and a game plan, which if successful, spells problems for Long Island beach fishermen. The gist of their argument is that they feel the surfer is being singled out by the State Park police for harassment. They are demanding "equal treatment" for surfcasters on the beach. In support of their cause they cite summons figures for the past three years. The score: surfers 175; fishermen 0. They add that the L.I.S.P.C. regulations governing their activity are "an unreasonable exercise of the Commission's police power." The surfers group zeros in on the Jones Beach West End area in particular. I suspect that is where they got most of those summonses during those three years. The group states that "when you're young, you don't seem to mind being pushed around," but they have had enough "hassling" and that "we're old enough now to take a stand." To these senior surfers I dare say a lot of the fishermen walking the West End beaches were there before they were that well known "gleam in their father's eyes." I fish the West End area as much as I can and along with many others have seen this group in action. They profess to be "grown up now," but continue to act otherwise. To those readers unfamiliar to the West End problem, it began a few years ago when an agreement was supposedly reached between them and the L.I.S.P.C. allowing them access to the "pocket" on the beach front, adjacent to the East Side of the jetty from January to September. Recognizing that this area is "prime" for beach fishermen in the fall, they agreed to vacate it after Labor Day.

During the months that follow they are allowed to surf at a area in Robert Moses State Park, thereby affording them "year-round" access to state land to do their surfing. Evidently this area is too far for them or otherwise unsuitable to their tastes, so over the last few years Labor Day seems to be the signal to "come on down" to West End 2. As a result, there were daily confrontations between the surf-casters, jetty fishermen and the surfers. Threats were hurled back and forth through the air, along with a few "tins" and well-trebled plugs. Last year, 1983, a concerted effort was made by the West End beach supervisors and the park police to enforce existing regulations governing surfing in the area. The surfers were first warned in late September that they were in violation of park regulations and of their own agreement, and told to vacate the area. After a week of unheeded warnings, the police began to issue summonses for violating these posted regulatins. The success of the West End's effort became evident by the disappearance of the surfers and of late by their cries of "foul play" in the Newsday article. The Eastern Surfers Association, through their lawyers, are going to try to take the L.I.S.P.C. to court and force them to give up their authority to regulate the parks on Long Island. They *further* are going to demand access to ALL state parks, including Montauk, Hither Hills and the entire Jones and Robert Moses beach front. Need I say more? I don't think we, as fishermen, can afford to lose any more beach than we already have. What we're talking about here is the only beach front we have left; after that "there ain't no more." I have written to the Long Island State Park Commission urging them, on behalf of the tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of taxpaying, Empire Passport paying, night fishng permit paying, 4-wheel drive permit paying citizens of this state and Long Island, not to allow this group to dictate policy to the L.I.S.P.C. and circumvent their authority. I ask your readers, if they will, to do the same. *Robert F. Cahiel.*

Thanks for writing this letter, as it affords us an opportunity to air this vital issue. There was an existing agreement in place between the LISPRC and the SURFERS that was hammered out by both sides and accepted in good faith by both sides. It now appears that the surfers aren't willing to uphold an agreement they agreed to and they wish to pursue more, more, more. Fishermen have had problems with surfers for many years, and the record shows that the surfers and not fishermen are the problem makers. There have been fewer summonses to fishermen because we are better at living by the letter of the law. Fishermen on the beach need access because we cannot tell the fish where to be. It is a difficult undertaking and we need all the mobility we can get. Believe me, if "they'd" put those fish

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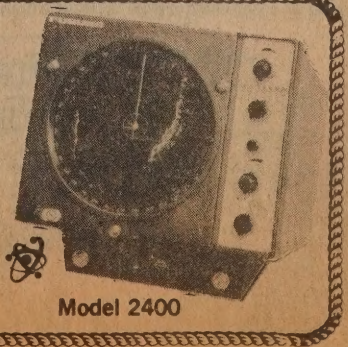

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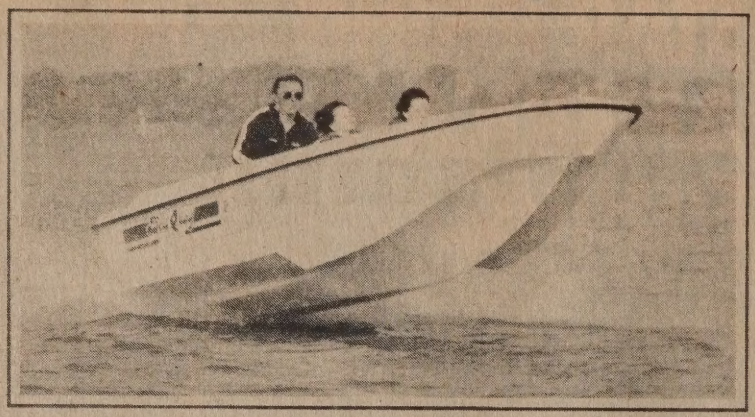

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in my backyard, swimming around and willing to eat, I wouldn't bother with the drives to the beach.

On the other hand, surfers need waves and certain spots tend to be better at producing good waves. This fact was taken into account when the 1983 agreement was made. Thus, they have access to two of the best spots: R.M. 3 and West End II. However, since West End II is also a good fish spot in the fall, perhaps the best and only down that far, we agreed that fishermen would use that stretch for a few weeks while surfers moved to R.M. 3. If you want to help, write to the Parks Commission, along with Newsday. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Enclosed please find a page from our most recently monthly club bulletin. At the bottom of the page is a question I asked of our membership. Unfortunately, I don't have the answer. Hence, this letter!

Perhaps one of The Fisherman staff members could lend me some assistance.

Thanks for your time and keep up the good conservation work; it's appreciated. Sincerely, *Joe Vetrano, O.T.T.O. Secretary.*

Fact: Unlike in summertime, water in the winter in deep lakes doesn't always get colder as you fish deeper. Water is heaviest at 39.2 degrees F., and sinks. So if you can't find fish in the cold upper levels, try dropping a bait down into the "warm" water right on the bottom.

Question: Undoubtedly this also holds true in the marine environment, but at exactly what temperature is saltwater the heaviest? Is it the same as in freshwater or is the heavier mineral content of saltwater a factor? *Well, not beef, but warm water. First, water contracts as it gets colder until about 32 degrees F, not 39. In lakes, surface water gets colder and colder as the fall and winter progresses, until a point is reached where there is a dramatic reversal. This is called the spring turnover and in lakes it's one way that nutrient rich deep water gets up near the sun where it can contribute to productivity. In the sea, it's a bit different. Tides, storms and shifting winds alter that phenomena, especially in the coastal ocean. There are a few spots in the world's oceans where upwelling, due mostly to temperature changes, does occur. In late fall, the wind direction will play the biggest role for us inshore fishermen. A persistent wind from the north will push warm water out to sea and colder water will replace it. The fish will generally move with the water. However, persistent southerly winds will push warm water towards the beach and keep the fish in our fishing zone.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

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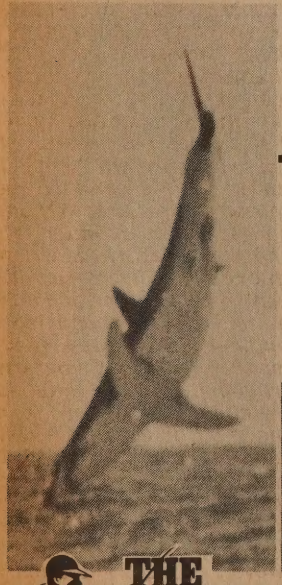

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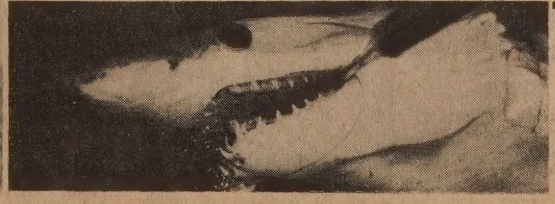

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Trailer Boater's NIGHTMARE

by Arthur Hebert

It's Saturday evening, and you and the wife are on the way out for dinner. After winning the spring battles, convincing her you needed some fish in the freezer to fill the empty shelves that evolved during the long winter "...and we can really kill them in the spring," the time of reckoning had unhappily arrived. She rolled you out early this morning, got you painting the porch before the late July sun started baking again, so you could move into the shade after lunch. You made your peace with the world, the wife, the porch paint, and finally the paint thinner and hand cleaner. Now, after a well-earned beer and a much-needed shower, you're about to open collar and summer dress it down to the local informal eatery. Windows open, down the driveway, wave to the neighbor down the street, turn onto the State Highway. It's just a couple of miles down to the...hey, wait a minute. Someone has a problem there; pull over, maybe I can help; four-way flashers on and stop. A quick glance: out-of-state plates on a late model car pulling a fairly new boat trailer. Now, now, avoid the trite "Summer People" label.

"Hi there. What's the problem?" Always a good way to start, you think to yourself. The fellow with the sunburned nose and pretty girl friend replies, "Thanks for stopping. I noticed the trailer was pulling to one side all of a sudden, and as I stopped it started making noises around this wheel. I just got this rig this summer, so I don't know what could be wrong with it!"

You know what's wrong. You've seen enough of the same problem to fill a notebook. This poor chap has lost a wheel bearing to washed out grease, salt, and friction. There, but for the grace of God and some hard-earned wisdom, go all us trailer-boaters. There are a number of things that I have learned to respect over the years: yellowjacket nests, disoriented skunks, Doberman Pinschers, and the wheelbearings on my boat trailers.

If I can save you the plight of our first-boat owner mentioned, I'll be happy. Let's start by examining the basics in your driveway. Boats on trailers ride on two, four, or six wheels (I know, you've seen a trailer with one wheel and two trailer hitches—but they don't carry **boats**). In general, these wheels come in just a few sizes: 8" and 12; through 16". The wheels are bolted to cast hubs with lugs pretty much like your car wheels. The hubs spin around axle spindles, riding on tapered roller bearings in the same manner as the front wheels of your car. In fact, if your trailer has brakes, the wheels and brakes are nearly identical to a car of 60s vintage or older (newer cars have DISK brakes; older ones have SHOE brakes). The axle spindles are a machined portion of the axle, which usually extends all the way across your trailer. This is bolted to the suspension system of the trailer, usually leaf springs.

Okay, so much for standing back and looking. We're going to get down to business and examine the inner workings of wheel bearings. You start by jacking up the trailer and setting it back down on a firm support with the tires just off the ground. You find out right away that you're in trouble—the bumper jack that came with your car will not work on a boat trailer. I solved that problem with a trip to Sears during one of their sales, picking up a neat little hydraulic jack just right for trailer use. So, now that we're beyond that, we jack the rig up and set it back down with the chassis on cement blocks and jack stands. Now we can get down and work on the wheel.

In the center of each wheel is either a rounded dust cap, or a spring loaded device with a zerk (grease) fitting; whichever you have, it is important that it be in place while you are driving. The original purpose of the simple cap is to keep grease in, and dust, grit and water **out**. More about the spring loaded one later. The cap can be removed by one of two ways: with a special tool looking like a skinny open-mouthed channel-lock plier, or by gently tapping around the compass points of the cap with a rubber mallet; I favor the latter. Once removed, clearing away the grease that should be there will give you a glimpse of the inner workings. You will see that there is a castellated nut (deep notches cut across the face of the nut) with a cotter pin through the notches and through the axle to keep the nut from working loose. The ends of the cotter pin should be bent over, to keep it from slipping out. To go any further, you will have to remove both the pin and the nut. Once again, there is a special tool for the removal of cotter pins. I've never owned one, having found a pair of long-jaw pliers works just fine.

You must straighten the bent over ends; use the long-jaw pliers for this (in a pinch your fishing pliers will do the job). Then grasp the rounded end of the pin with the pliers, and give the pliers a tap with your rubber mallet. Tap until the pin comes free, and put it in the dust cap for safe keeping. Now, using either your big crescent wrench or 10" channel-lock pliers, you can remove the castellated (I always called it a castle nut, too) nut. By gently rocking or jiggling the whole wheel you will be able to see the outer bearing come free. I say outer bearing because there is another bearing facing the opposite way of this one further inside the hub. As you rock the wheel the outer bearing will move toward you, edging out of the hub. You can grasp the bearing and remove it to a spot that even your wife would think clean—on a newspaper, etc. It is EXTREMELY important that no grit or dirt gets into this bearing. Dirt and friction are the mortal enemies of bearings. While you're holding the bearing, let's examine it closely. There are three major parts: the innermost part is the race, and is bored to closely fit the axle spindle; the outermost part is the cage, which simply holds the rollers in place. These rollers support the weight of the entire boat, trailer frame, etc. They roll (on one side) on the race, as well as on the last component which we haven't seen yet. You will note that the bearing is tapered. This is to match the surface that the rollers will bear on inside the hub, which is called the cup. The cup is identically tapered to match the bearing, but on its inner surface. The outer diameter of the cup is machined to very tightly fit the hub interior. In fact, the tolerances are so close that the cup is **pressed** into place. There are two cups inside the hub, both facing outward. Since we've come this far in our inspection, we might as well remove the wheel assembly from the axle. No need to use a lug wrench now, just put one hand on either side of the tire and slide the whole thing toward you. Lay the wheel with the

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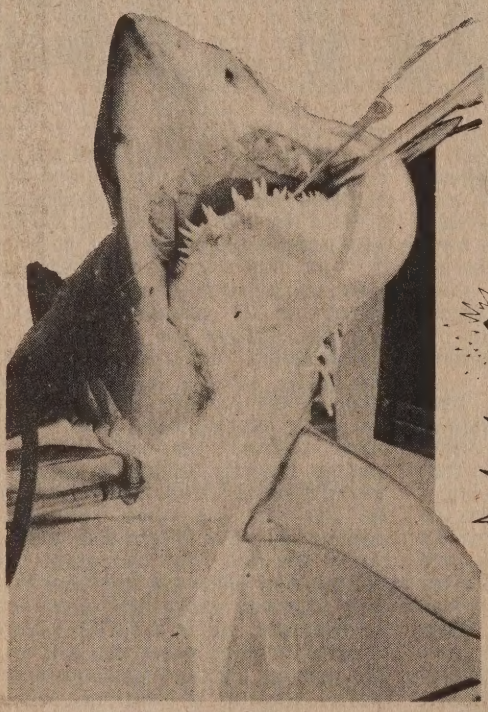

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outside down for now. You won't be able to see the inner bearing at this point, as it will be hidden by the grease seal. This is simply (but importantly) a plasticized rubber lined metal ring which fits tightly in the hub, going around with it as the rubber rides on the fixed axle to keep grease in and dust and water out.

Since this is an "inspection tour" you wouldn't remove the grease seal now, as doing so is a destructive operation. If I have removed a hundred grease seals, I've been able to re-use maybe five. If you know someone who can repeatedly re-use them, let me in on the secret. Until I learn another way, I'll discard and replace them; they cost between $1.95 and about $3.75 apiece. If you were to remove the seal now, this is probably the part of the task with the least finesse. As in most jobs, there is a special tool designed for grease seal removal. At the risk of sounding like a hacker, I'll tell you that I use a long screwdriver or lever and a fulcrum to pry them out. Remember, I don't intend to re-use them. Once the seal is out you can lift the inner bearing out. If your trailer does not have brakes, the inner bearing will be identical to the outer bearing. Usually on a trailer with brakes the axle spindle will be wider in the vicinity of the inner bearing; so the bore of the inner bearing will be larger, meaning a different bearing type.

Let's stop for a moment now, and consider what we've done. We have jacked up the trailer, removed the wheel, and pulled the bearings and grease seal. Assuming the normal interruptions for "honeydews" (honey, do this; honey, do that) you could easily do this in twenty minutes per wheel. This is indeed a small investment, considering the alternative of neglected wheel bearings: the broken down traveller depicted in the opening scenario of this article, with a shot weekend and a deflated wallet. Try these on for size for real-life situations of Saturday night boat trailer wheel bearing failures: $40 for a road call on the Garden State Parkway by a **nice** guy; $108 for the same job by a ripoff artist in Philadelphia. Doesn't it make sense to be finicky about your wheel bearings now? It does to me, and has for some time now. I'm on my seventh boat, and they've all been trailered. I pull my bearings every spring, and sometimes during the season. My boat stays on the trailer except for boating weekends and my average trailer trip is probably 75 miles one way.

What do I look for when I pull them? Broken-down grease that pours like melted butter; grease that smells burned; pitted surfaces on the rollers or cups. One time I found that the rubber lip of the seal had broken away, letting water enter the hub. The inner bearing of that wheel came out like soggy blotter material, the color of black coffee.

When I'm doing my spring bearing

ritual I get a few things ready: new grease seals; plenty of rags; a can of white lithium grease; and a half gallon or so of kerosene or heating oil to wash the bearings. The old grease should be thoroughly washed out of the cages, then the bearings blown dry with your air hose. Every bit of the kerosene must be removed for the new grease to cling properly. To get grease back into the bearings you can use either a pressure tool made just for that purpose (J.C. Whitney sells them) or you can "palm" it in. Whichever method you use, the grease **must** be forced inside; a surface application just won't do.

Your friendly auto parts store will probably have everything you need from grease to seals to bearings and cups. Just have your part numbers ahead of time. In a pinch, I've found that having the precise dimensions of the hub and spindle will get you the right parts at a professional auto parts store. Some—but not all—of the larger local trailer dealers stock wheel kits for all their products, at a reasonable cost. If you're replacing everything on a tandem trailer it pays to shop.

I always pull the wheels on a new trailer, for two reasons. First, because I want to read and record the part numbers of the bearings and seals so I can buy replacements NOW; second, because a friend once bought a boat trailer from an unnamed national chain that had not a drop of grease in the bearings!

You say you have those spring-loaded thingamabobs with the grease fittings on each wheel? that's nice. So do I, four of them on my new big-name $4000 trailer. Know something? the grease in them never made it to the inner bearings. I know, because I'm typing this with the residue of grease still in my cuticles. So I'll continue doing it my way, and helping the stranded boaters on the highway. Hmph...Summer People.

For the record, though, here's what the spring loaded caps do for you. Driving to your favorite boat launch ramp warms both your heart and your trailer wheels. When you back down the ramp and immerse the wheels in the water (NOT SUBMERGE, IMMERSE), they cool rapidly, and any air inside the hubs contracts. As it contracts, it creates a low pressure area, which in effect sucks water in. But with the spring loaded caps holding some positive pressure on the hubs, the infusion of water is prevented. The spring loaded plate "works" back and forth, accommodating the expansion and contraction of the hub, the grease, and the captive air.

So, what have we accomplished? An indoctrination into the mystery of trailer wheel bearings, the sharing of many miles of experience, and the knowledge that if nobody breaks down on the highway this summer, some ripoff artists will go broke, and I'll get to take the wife out to dinner without interruption.

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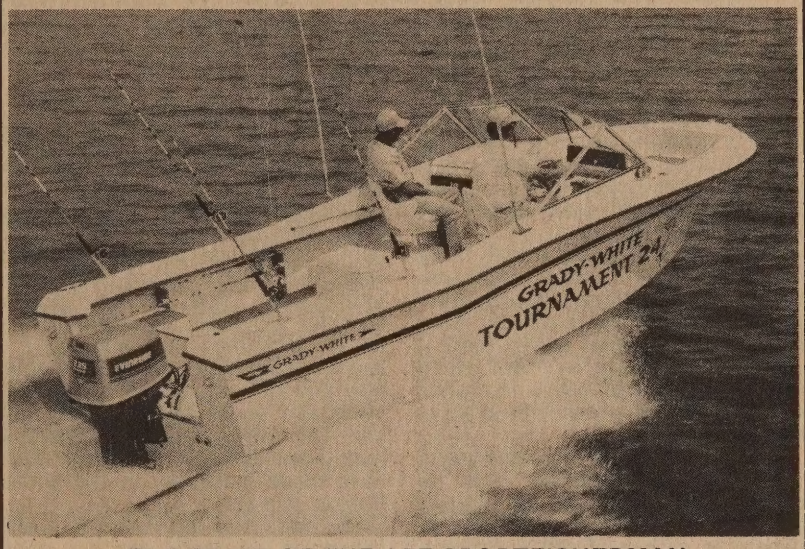

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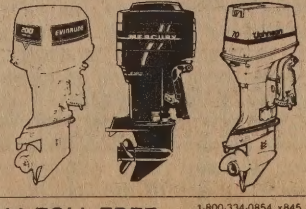

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THE SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE

by Matt Ahern

Learning the fishing game is a lot easier today than in the "good old days," but there is still no substitute for "personal initiative."

The other evening I was discussing past fishing exploits with my son. Naturally, in a situation such as this I was aglow with past memories and admit to laying it on pretty thick, for how can an old-time fisherman resist such a golden opportunity. I was going along at a fair pace when I was halted in my tracks.

"Enough, Pop! I've heard those stories a hundred times and I'm sure fishing was as good as you say—but how did you fellows learn all those things you've been telling me? I remember you once said that when you were a kid, first-rate information for saltwater fishermen was practically non-existent."

True, of course, for that's the way it was. There was blamed little information available for us fellows those days. There were monthly magazines such as Field & Stream, Hunting and Fishing, National Sportsman, and Fur-Fish-Game. Perhaps Outdoor Life and Sports Afield were also on the scene, but I'm not sure.

Of course, the daily newspapers carried fishing columns and party boat advertising just as they do today. I particularly enjoyed Fred Fletcher's Rod and Gun column in the Daily News. Fred was strictly on the ball, and because of this he knew exactly what we saltwater fellows wanted to read.

This is not meant to detract from those scribes who wrote for the Daily Mirror, the New York Evening Journal, and the New York American, later to be known as the New York Journal-American. Those columnists were all good fishermen and extremely interesting, and we fishermen faithfully followed their advice. But the hitch lay in the fact that while we were told what was doing on the saltwater scene, we were rarely told how to do it. There was no Newsday; The Long Island Daily Press ran a small column with little advertising—until the time Frank Keating came along and showed one and all how to do it. Shades of long-gone Fred Fletcher! But all this occurred long after I was well into sinker bouncing.

As for those magazines mentioned, I subscribed to them all, hoping always to increase my depth of knowledge. For a kid, subscribing caused no pain or hardship, as subscription rates were very low.

But even then, as fine as these publications were, I really didn't get much information from them. I tried to convert some of the freshwater methods to my own use, but the results often left much to be desired.

As I say, there actually was little in-depth knowledge available for saltwater fishermen. It was a far cry from today with local public libraries chockful of good saltwater fishing books awaiting the attention of serious fishermen. Can you imagine how thankful we fellows of 50 or 60 years ago would have been to have had The Fisherman publications so readily available? We certainly would have made more hay in the golden light of this sun.

So, then, how did those dedicated fishermen of long ago go about gaining the necessary knowledge for the full enjoyment of their sport? I can't answer for them, for I actually don't know.

First of all, I unashamedly pestered the life out of those veteran fishermen who were regarded as past masters. And this wasn't a bit difficult to do, for I was indeed fortunate, being brought up in a Brooklyn neighborhood which abounded in master fishermen. You may be certain that what these fellows knew about the bottom fishing game was gotten the hard way: through hard knocks, experience and soul-searing interest. They continuously sought out the answer to "Why?"

I'm sure I must, at times, have insulted their intelligence with many of my numerous questions, some of which I now realize were truly asinine. But to the ever-lasting memory of those great fishermen, not one told me to go roll my hoop. Each took time and pains necessary to set me straight to the best of his ability—and that ability was great!

So intent was I in learning the fishing game that it became a rare day when I spent time playing sandlot baseball or any of the common sports most kids enjoy. If it didn't have fins, I wasn't interested. Of course, the kids noticed this and in no time at all they nicknamed me "Salty." But this didn't bother me in the least; in fact, I felt this recognition proved I was making progress in my effort to learn. I knew I was never cut out to be a Brooklyn Dodger, anyway; but with a little perseverance, I might someday become the fisherman I desired to be.

I knew, too, that I had to help myself as much as possible, and when I realized this, I decided to keep a scrapbook. Everything that seemed interesting fish-wise went into it. Soon I was on a second, then a third. Right now I would give much to have those books, for I don't know what happened to them over the years. I am certain they would prove extremely useful today—even if only for their nostalgic value.

I divided my summer days between catching bullheads, carp and white perch (which we kids called "silver perch") from a Brooklyn pond, and making trips to Sheepshead Bay and Carnarsie for snappers, mackerel and lafayettes. It didn't take long to discover that of the two, saltwater fishing was more appealing. I readily gave up the other, even if my saltwaer efforts resulted in small snappers and yearling mackerel as against an occasional five and six pound carp.

And then one day a wonderful thing happened. I discovered the old Aquarium, which was then situated on the lower tip of Manhattan at the Battery.

Oh, happy, lucky, glorious day!

I don't know what you may have heard about the old Aquarium, if you have ever been there, or even if you were aware there was such a place in Manhattan. But there was and it was a treasure trove of knowledge for fellows like me.

Originally, the Aquarium had been erected to serve as a fort, its primary purpose to guard New York Harbor. After that period, it served as an immigrant processing station until Ellis Island opened its doors. For a period of time it was known as Castle Garden and some of the world's famous singers gave concerts there—Jenny Lind was one.

But in the days I knew it, it was strictly a fish palace. And what a palace it was!

Not only did the walls of both lower and upper floors display scores of huge built-in plate glass tanks which contained just about every known fresh and salt water fish native to

these United States—all in their natural surroundings—but I recall that there were also several varieties of European fish from the rivers Rhine and Thames. One of these fish was the pinkish-white pearl roach which, if I remember correctly from the placard I must have read a zillion times, was introduced into Central Park Lake around 1879.

I mention this to show to what extent the City of New York went to in those days to bring knowledge to the interested—even the poor fisherman wasn't overlooked. I'll tell you that for fellows like me, having the Aquarium at our beck and call was indeed a stroke of sheer luck. And will wonders never cease—it was free and open seven days a week! Never will we fishermen see such generosity again.

Because of this latter fact, I was one of the greatest hooky players of all time. I practically lived there and many a hard time I got from school authorities and my parents. But that didn't faze me one bit. Where else could I learn so much of what I truly wanted to learn, and at the same time watch all our bottom feeders at such close range?

I soon became familiar with the manner in which blackfish secured food, how cod attacked prey, how camouflaged fluke shot from cleverly-concealed sand nests with lightning like speed to pounce upon unsuspecting killies and assorted bait fish. I watched and studied flounder as they lay quietly on bottom, eye-sockets continuously revolving while calmly surveying their surroundings. I watched porgies and sea bass pass in parade until I became weary. I spotted bergalls in the midst of committing their larcenous acts. I watched the breathtaking attack of weakfish, stripers and blues and was amazed at their speed and voracity. Oh, yes, I learned—and I learned well.

The Aquarium's employees were first rate, and to me this was a big help. I never saw one uniformed employee refuse to answer questions, or display a haughty manner. I recall one day watching a small school of cod as they leisurely swam the confines of their oversize tank, and then suddenly noticing a cloudy effect in each fish's eyes, much similar in appearance to cataracts in humans. I'd never witnessed this before and it was something that interested me greatly.

I hunted down one of the information guards and asked what he could tell me about the cause of the cods' condition. He first looked at me with amazement—after all, I was a little squirt—and then he let out a belly laugh. "Well, I'll be damned!" he said. "Those cod have been in that tank a week and you're the first to notice they're different from the others. I can't give you the reason, sonny, for I don't know. But if you write a letter to the Curator, I bet you'll find out."

And that's what I did that evening. Back came a reply from a Mr. Coates, the Curator. I learned those cod had been trawled in extremely deep water (over 100 fathoms) and when this happens to cod, Mr. Coates informed me, the eyes take on a milky appearance. The cod weren't blind as I had suspected. I was assured the condition would clear normally in three weeks. (He was right.)

Now, Mr. Coates (and I wish I could recall his full name to show respect for this learned gentleman) must have realized I was a kid, but he seemed also to sense my earnestness, for at the conclusion of his letter, he told me he had many books on cod, plus all the other fish in captivity. If I cared to, he wrote, I should pay him a visit and he'd gladly answer any and all m questions. I never did take advantage of this windfall, but for the life of me, I can't recall why. It must have been something really hectic to make me pass up that opportunity.

I'm sure that 90 percent of the visiting public went to the Aquarium solely for amusement—and there was plenty of that, what with sea lions, alligators, sharks, free-strolling penguins, and the like. I'm positive that when those curious folks exited through the fortress-like doors, all was forgotten until the urge for a revisit returned. But for sincere and serious fishermen, the Aquarium was heaven-sent. Yes, sir, that old fish palace was a great place for knowledge-hungry fishermen.

For you boat buffs, let me add a little something before we finish.

Behind the Aquarium, along the sea wall and to the north, close by the fire boats, was a large boat basin. It was crammed with Coast Guard-captured rum-runners. (All these incidents I've related in this story happened, of course, during Prohibition days.) These boats were beauties, let me tell you. They ranged from forty-footers, to well over a hundred. Each was up for sale by Uncle Sam and the prices were dirt cheap—perhaps a tenth of their true value. I remember sending off for a catalog listing each boat and its price. For two or three grand a guy could pick up a boat easily worth fifty—and more. You can be sure, as bad as times were, those boats didn't stay in that basin long.

Anyway, fellers, these were some of the things aspiring fishermen undertook in those long-gone days in order to learn the fishing game. It was either that or follow the long, difficult road of trial and error. Were you to ask me right now which is better—the way things are today with all the easily acquired knowledge, or the way it was then, I'd be sore put to give you an answer.

Certainly, things are now a lot easier in this respect—but they sure aren't as much fun. I've always been of the opinion that fishermen are better off when they acquire knowledge through personal initiative and effort.

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SUN-UP SQUETEAGUE

by Gerald Hahn

Rental skiff anglers who arrive with the sun are at a decided advantage where tiderunners are concerned.

Party boat skippers and dedicated weakfish anglers fortunate enough to own a vessel generally agree that the best fishing in the spring occurs in the evening. Why tiderunners (large weaks) favor these hours, nobody knows. The poor skiff renter who wants to strike out on his own cannot fish at sundown, however, and must resign himself to fishing in the day.

Although sun-up is also an excellent time to try for weaks, the skiff renter doesn't exactly fish then, either. For most rental stations do not open until 5:30 or 6:30 AM, and by the time everything is set up, the angler arrives at the fishing grounds when the sun is well above the horizon.

Another matter to consider is the tide. One can fish at first or last light and still catch nothing if the tides are wrong. For tiderunners, as the name implies, are most active around a tidal change. Consequently, a boat renting angler should pick a day when high or low slack will occur about two hours **after** he arrives at the fishing grounds. These two hours, and occasionally an hour past the slack, are the most productive for weakfishing. Catching a tidal change at this time, moreover, gives the angler another tidal change in the afternoon, that is, before he has to return the boat.

Why all this attention to detail—tidal changes, low light and the like? Spring weakfish, or squeteague, or sea trout, or tiderunners, or whatever you choose to call them, have been on the wane for several years now, both in number and size. Compounding the problem is that the spring run seems to be getting shorter every year. It used to last a month. Today, the peak period seems to be confined to the latter part of May. This is the situation in Peconic Bay, where some of the largest tiderunners—specimens broaching 15 pounds—have been taken. In Great South Bay, another prime weakfish spot, the same problem exists.

Yet in spite of these drawbacks, I never see so many skiff renting anglers lined up at the station before dawn, as when the weakfish run begins. They may spend the whole day catching nothing, but if they land a decent-sized weak they will be happy. After all, how often does a skiff renter catch anything over five pounds?

So, having coordinated the time of day with the tide, the next question is

An early start produced this pair of weaks for the author.

where to fish? In the Peconics, for example, there are so many spots with potential that it is impossible to cover them all during the most productive period. Obviously, talking to the proprietor of the fishing station about yesterday's catch will help. The weaks may have been in the South Race, or Rose's Grove, or the Middle Grounds, each of which, by the way, has several possibilities within it. No matter; at least you have a starting point.

The South Race, a body of water compressed by Robins Island and the South Fork, is an area of tide rips, deep channels, swift currents and flats. The tide rip is formed by a bar off the tip of Robins, and many fishermen drift from this point into deeper water. The channel, which extends from the paired buoys 25/26 and buoy 30, runs east and west, and anglers weave in and out, both on the south and north sides. No less productive is the thinner water on the South Fork. Fishermen drift about 200 yards off the Sand Slide, a patch of yellow on a green bluff, in the east and the Dumps in the west.

Rose's Grove, east of the Race, is marked by a prominant tower on the south side. Fishermen explore the 20 to 30 foot depths here, as well as near a sand bar that is visible on the outgoing tide. The bar is located between

the tower and the Sand Slide.

Northeast of Rose's Grove is an area called Middle Grounds, where deep water runs off the western tip of Jessup's Neck, a prominant peninsula on the South Fork. Although most fishermen favor the swift, deep water here, another area worth trying is the cove that is formed by Jessup's and Rose's Grove. Party boats often drift just off the fishtraps here, on the west side of Jessup's.

When the fishing fleets are working these areas and catching nothing, I like to try other parts of the bay. For example, I have taken weakfish off the west side of Shelter Island, northeast of the Middle Grounds. A sand bar extends into this sector from Paradise Point on the North Fork, and deep water spills suddenly off the island itself, just to the north. Another spot, often fished for porgies but also known to hold weaks, is Nassau Point on the north side, opposite the tower at Rose's Grove. The land formation here is similar to the one at Robins Island. Finally, other potential areas are on the west side of Robins and on the east side of Jessup's, especially Noyac Bay and the South Ferry. These lesser fished places are sometimes more productive than the popular spots. Indeed, at South Ferry I've had some better weakfishing days from shore than from drifting in the bay.

As can be seen, weakfish are taken primarily from a drifting boat. In the Peconics, drifts generally run west on the incoming tide and east on the outgoing. Wind, of course, will alter these courses, as well as the speed. For example, two years ago I caught a day with strong southwesterly winds on the incoming tide. This put a chop on the water which not only pulled me northwest but also reduced the drift to a crawl. Later in the day, the same wind on the outgoing tide made me feel like a drag racer. Tiderunners may be predators, but they are not swift like blues, and so I caught mine that day when the wind was bucking the tide.

Tiderunners are not ferocious, either and a delicate touch is required to land them. This begins with a light 7 foot spinning rod tapered to a limber tip and a matching reel spooled with 10 to 15 pound test. I prefer the lighter line because it offers less resistance when using a small lures.

Some people fish for weaks solely with lures, others solely with bait, but tiderunners often favor a combination of the two. Since my weakfishing is usually performed with a partner, we try everything. I find a strawberry jellyworm on a 1/4 to 3/8 ounce leadhead deadly, especially when tipped with bait. Other colors worth trying are white, yellow, beige and grape. The color of the leadhead is unimportant, however; it may be painted red, white or yellow, or chrome-plated, or even the matte-gray color of lead. Other effective lures in the Peconics are Tiger Tails, and in the past, shrimp tails, grubs, touts and various soft plastics. A few metal lures weighing about an ounce and some all-white and all-yellow leadhead bucktails in the 1/4 to 5/8 ounce range should be handy, as well.

Most people in the Peconics rely on two baits: sandworms and strips of squid on a high-low rig. The rig begins with a long leader of 30 pound test, which is connected to the running line with a three-way swivel and a couple of improved clinch knots. The remaining eye of the swivel receives the top hook, a 2/0 beak on a three foot leader of 30 pound test. Slightly more than a snell's length below, a dropper loop on the leader secures the bottom hook, which is the same as the top. About two or three inches below this connection, an end loop holds the sinker, which in the Peconics is a two to five ounce bank. A whole sandworm is threaded on the top hook and a long pennant-shaped strip of squid streams from the bottom hook. Either of these baits, incidentally, is an excellent sweetener with any of the lures mentioned. Some fishermen prefer a single hook rig, and they dispense with the bottom hook. A simpler and more effective single hook rig for drifting, however, is fashioned with a light sinker, such as a drail, an egg or worm sinker, or a clinch sinker, above the hook. The drail usually comes with eyelets, so there is no problem connecting it to the fishing line at one end and to the snelled hook at the other. An egg or worm sinker requires a barrel swivel below, however, since it slides up and down the line. The sinker is threaded on the fishing line first, and then the barrel swivel is tied. This prevents the sinker from bumping into the snelled hook. A clinch sinker or a rubber core sinker is simply clipped to the snell, about 18 inches from the hook. Any of these rigs are less likely to tangle than a high hook rig, and they are especially effective when drifting in shallow water.

Tiderunners are notoriously cagey, and the less you do the better. Instead of pumping the rod up and down, let the current provide the momentum, and fish a dead stick. A light drag setting should be maintained on the reel, so that the fish can take line. Tiderunners usually make a short run or two near the surface, their purplish backs glistening in the spring water. Then they dive, swirl around, and suddenly head under the skiff. A large landing net, of course, is essential when using light tackle.

When the fish is brought over the side, the purple soon fades. But its other colors—spots of gold, orange, bronze, blue—flicker like the dancing spotlights in a discotheque. Add on yellow-orange fins below and robust proportions and you can see why weakfish anglers are so dedicated. Tiderunners are one of the most colorful fish in the northeast.

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THIRTY TO THE BUSHEL

by Capt. John DeMaio

Montauk plays host to some of the biggest flounder found anywhere, yet these huge flatties go begging for attention.

A bushel of fish is estimated at 60 pounds. Of course, the weight varies depending upon the shape of the species. As tightly as eels pack could make a bushel yield 90 pounds. Large blues 50. Stacked flounder will also pass the 60 pound average. So now consider the title—30 flounder to the bushel. That would suggest an average weight per fish at slightly more than 2 pounds.

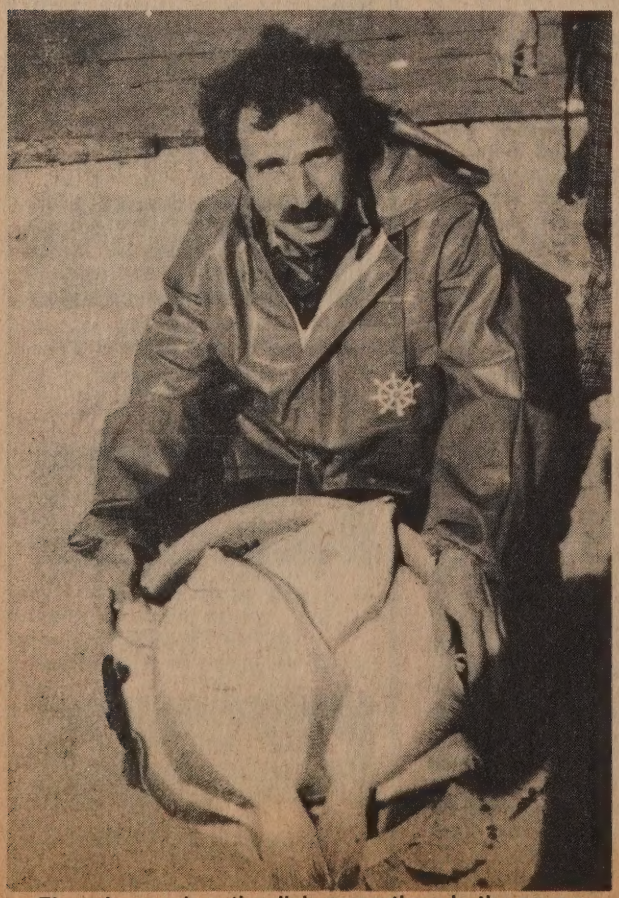
The first time I heard that expression was back in 1953 while on a trip to the famed "Promised Land" area. One of the old-timers from the neighborhood was taking myself and his son on a fishing trip for flounder that were "30 to the bushel." He also added that the flounder were so big you needed only 8 to make a dozen. It turned out he was wrong about the 30 to a bushel part. We filled the bushel with 22 flounder.

Since then a lot of pressure has been put on the flounder stocks. You don't catch as many, but you still can catch them big. Some bay areas produce catches into the hundreds, but the sizes are small. Here on the East End I will guarantee you the biggest flounder on Long Island.

The expression "snowshoe flounder" an overworked term, began in Montauk. It did not suggest the size of fish to be found locally. Instead, it was a descriptive term applied to the huge flounder that were being taken in the Hooter Buoy area of Block Island during the fifties. During the heyday of that run of giant flounder, fish weighing over 7 pounds, were hauled out of those waters.

Although incidental flounder catches are made along with codfish in the Block Island area at springtime, no serious flounder action has developed there in many years now. In spite of the fact that many of the incidents are four pounds and up, all the flounder activity is closer to home. Upon request, I made one spring trip to the Hooter Buoy area in the spring of 1983. It was a waste of time. That doesn't mean that there are no flounder there, it means that I didn't catch any.

Perhaps the name "sea flounder" would have been more appropriate for these ocean fish instead of the pseudonym "snowshoe." Consider now, does the association of ocean waters and big flounder ring true? Must you fish the ocean bottom for



Flounder reach outlandish proportions in the ocean waters fringing Montauk.

A big "Wong" flattie is added to the box.

flounder as big as fluke? Except for some contradictions such as the Gardiner's Island area which surrenders several 5 pound flounder every season, I believe the ocean will yield a bigger flounder. Keep in mind that the ocean areas are rarely fished, whereas Gardiner's Island plays host to some heavy traffic during the spring run.

Fishermen don't come to Montauk for flounder. At least not at charter boat prices. If I had to depend on flounder charters for a living, I would be in trouble. The monetary consideration is not the only reason. More often it is the time. Montauk flounder action is late, at a time when most fishermen have had several flounder trips already. By the time we get to late May people are looking for the cod, pollock, mackerel, fluke and whatever.

We begin flounder fishing at Promised Land and Gardiner's Island during April, and continue through to the middle of May. At that point in time, I shift my activities to the Montauk area. Here in Montauk is an abundance of unexplored bottom that holds big flounder. Every year I explore some new area. The old spots vary in production. Some will always produce, while others go dead. Fished out by the many boats that follow. Even some of the so-called local "flounder sharpies" beat the same old spots to death, never once searching a new area.

My problem is not having the time for exploration. Most charters are for codfish and flounder fishing comes as a backup when poor weather cancels out ocean sailing. Or maybe in June when I begin half days and time doesn't permit a long ride for cod or pollock and I must fish locally. Without the spring of bass these past years the local flounder population has received a lot of play. If I could flounder fish in better weather and more often I would produce more flounder.

Shagwong is an annual winner. A good run of big red-backed flounder are available at the "Wong" every spring. Timing is important. The North Bar area receives a lot of attention now and is overrun by the sharpies. Still the fish are accommodating and some hefty scores are made here. The bar can be tricky. A short move of only a hundred feet will mean the difference between good fishing or no fishing. Or, big or small flounder.

An area between buoy 5 and buoy 3 is also being overworked. I had this piece of mussel bottom all to myself for two years before it was exploited. Here, too, good catches are still being made. Places such as Rocky Point and Culloden were down in production this year. Could be that they have been hard pressed in recent years and fished out.

(Any area that does not have a strong tide flow gets heavy play. Most of Montauk's other areas must be fished on vairous stages of the tide. The fish just don't seem to bite on the hard-running tide. So this requires knowledge of the area and timing. Also, daily pursuit is very important.)

Some new spots for me this year were the outside Shagwong area; north, east and west of the outside buoy has high spots of rock and mussel bottom. At Montauk, the best flounder action is on hard bottom, not mud.

Once again, the ocean bottom is where you may find the biggest flatties. All that hard bottom that lies east of the lighthouse is begging to be discovered. I tried such a spot and was well rewarded. Myself and two friends accounted for a dozen flounder at slack tide. All the fish were big, the largest being 4½ pounds. That was on May 23. The next two trips there showed smaller fish. It could be that some of these areas are better fished in early season than later like the action close to the beach. Without some overall effort no one will ever know. Not for a minute do I take any credit for "discovering" flounder east of the light. Ask any porgy fisherman and he will relate the possibilities of flounder fishing these areas. But will he try? Even Captain Spider Hegner spoke of the deep water around Great Eastern having big flounder and that was some years back.

Be careful of tackle if you plan a trip to Montauk for flounder. Gardiner's Island has reasonable tide conditions. Some spots very little, and ultra light tackle can be used. But back at Montauk a rod that can handle an eight ounce sinker may be advisable. Also the use of a conventional reel would handle the weight better than the spinning. There are times when I have used 12 ounce sinkers to stay close to the chum pot on a running tide. Even on slack tide, I rarely use less than four ounces.

The baits necessary are clams and mussels. Worms don't work well here. I find the biggest fish ends up on a clam-baited hook.

Chum is important. Any chum you favor will help. Keep in mind that a chum pot is a must. You may end up in water as deep as 50 feet. Only a chum pot will keep the chum under the boat.

I use a #8 flounder hook. That's about the same size used in most bay areas. It works well for a couple of reasons. Big flounder do not charge the bait like the little guys do. They are more cautious. In fact, you rarely feel the bigger fish take the bait. You feel the flounder **on the lift.**

One more item that I believe deserves a mention is the eating quality of the Montauk flounder. Especially those late season fish that are firm of flesh and are caught over the rocky bottom; they're delicious. There is no iodine taste that exists in many of the western Long Island bay areas.

So that's it! If you're interested in catching the biggest flounder you have ever seen, try Montauk! Where they come 30 to the bushel.

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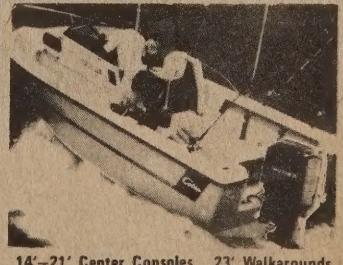

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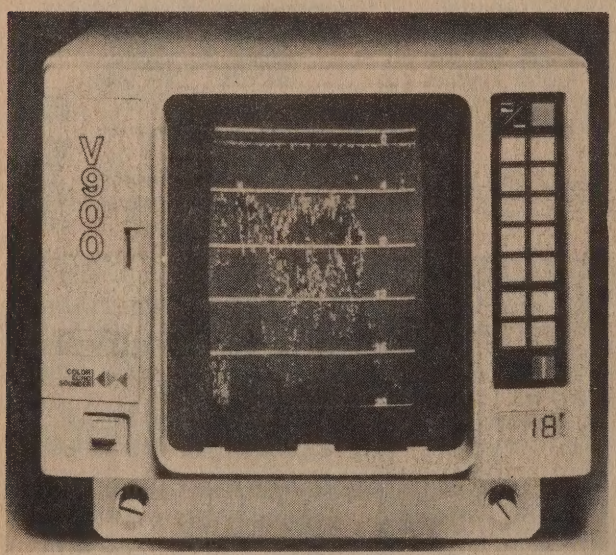
Raytheon: The big news this year is the compact V-900 Color Fishfinder which uses the same microprocessor technology as in Raytheon's small boat radar—and lists for just $1,995. The V-900 provides high resolution echo sounding displayed in eight colors on an eight inch diagonal CRT. Keyboard touch control enables the operator to select both standard and bottom-lock displays, and to select shift and span ranges to "zoom in" for midwater expansion. A white line bottom discriminator enhances the image above the bottom so that fish can be seen more clearly. There's a choice of 200 kHz (990 feet), 75 kHz (1,980 feet) and 50 kHz (2,640 feet) transducers. LCD readout of bottom depth, and interference rejection are optional. The V-900 weighs 28 pounds without the transducer and measures 9½ inches wide by 11½ inches high and 12½ inches deep.

Also new are two computerized Recording Fishfinders which allow the operator to zoom in on selected mid-water depths and enlarge the picture on a five inch chart. The DC 200Z and DC 50Z have keyboard controls, white line and bottom lock. Charts print in four shades of tone to



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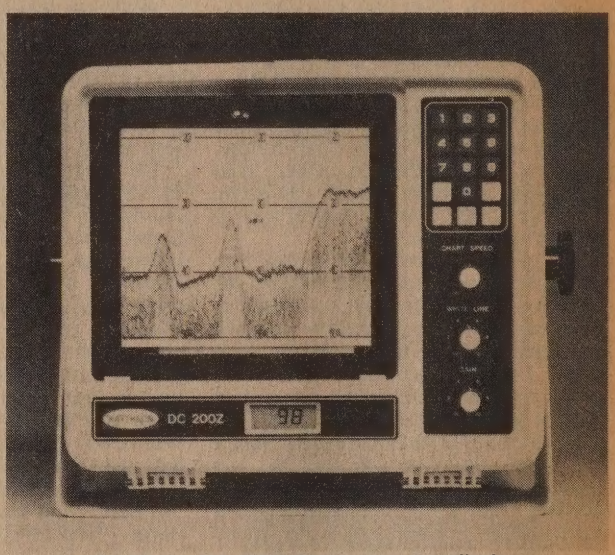

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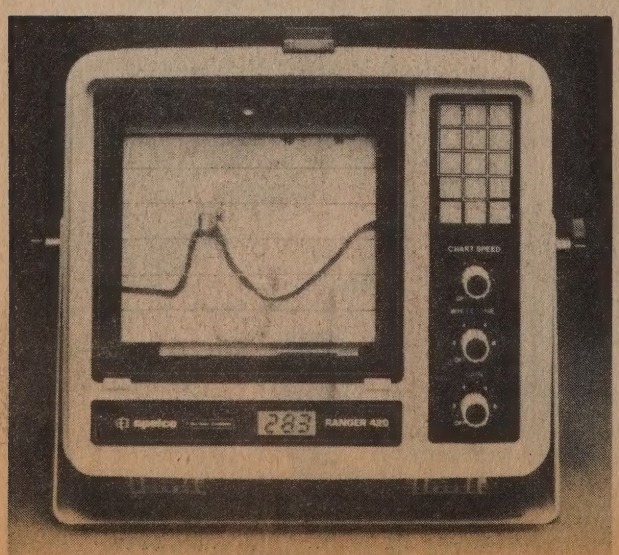

Apelco Ranger 420 Recording Echosounder

Vexilar 482 LCD Video-Sonar

further enhance clarity. The DC 200Z has a 200 kHz tranducer with 13-degree narrow beam angle, while the DC 50Z has a 50 kHz with wide 50-degree beam angle. The latter can get down to 5,940 feet. List prices are $745 for the DC 200Z and $795 for the DC 50Z.

Furuno: The new FE-808 is an eight inch version of the FE-606 six inch graph recorder. It offers 500 watts of power, precision digital control, memory circuitry, and 12 basic and phased overlapping ranges to a maximum of 600 fathoms. Shadow Line control assures easy discrimination of bottom fish, and three LED displays show start and end of selected range and true water depth. Two bottom lock ranges may be shown on the bottom third of the eight inch paper. This unit is compatible with the FCV series color video sounders for those who desire the versatility of having both types aboard.

Apelco: Joining the march toward microprocessor-controlled graph recorders, Apelco has come up with the Ranger 420 and 1650 units. Both are five-inch echosounders with keyboards, white line, bottom lock, and the ability to zoom-in on any 10-foot increment. The Ranger 420 has a 200 kHz transducer, reaches to 900 feet and lists for $745. The Ranger 1650 has a 50 kHz transducer that is good to 2,340 feet and lists for $795. Apelco is a Raytheon company and offers a two-year limited warranty, plus lifetime fixed rate repair program.

Vexilar: The 482 LCD Video-Sonar provides even more features than the 480 which was introduced last May as the first computer driven depth recorder to use a liquid crystal display (LCD) instead of paper. All mechanical parts have been eliminated in favor of an advanced microcircuit design. A touch pad control gives instant depth range entry from 0 to 999 feet with a "Zoom Zone" expansion feature for better viewing. Both units also have white line and digital display of surface temperature. The 480 has a 38-degree wide-angle transducer and operates at a frequency of 75 kHz. The 482 has an extended depth range to 2,400 feet programmable in feet, meters or fathoms. Dual frequency transducer selection for either 50 kHz or 200 kHz gives the operator excellent resolution and definition of fish and bottom structure. In addition to the surface temperature display, there are digital displays of trolling speed and "constant bottom." Programmable upper and lower alarms at any depth enable the operator to use the alarm function as a keel alarm, anchor watch when moored, or for fishing between two specified depths.

Impulse: This Pleasant Hill, California outfit has introduced a 5½ inch video fish finder that provides four shades to help distinguish strength of target and varying bottom conditions. The Micro Trac 6100 is completely controlled electronically

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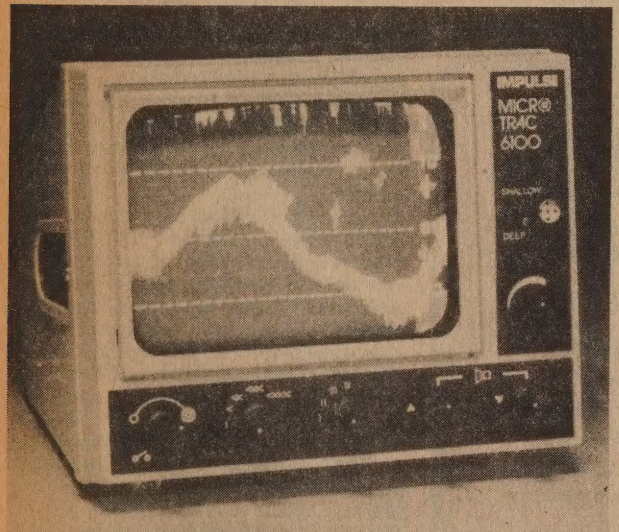

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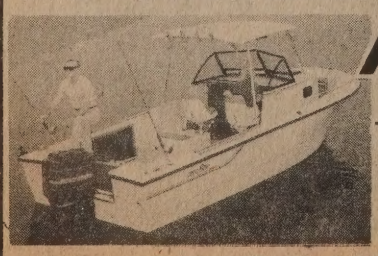

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and provides ranges from 0-30 to 240-480 feet. An alarm feature is included in this 6-inch high by 7½ inch wide by 7¼ inch deep unit that comes with transducer for a list of only $695.

Wesmar: Western Marine Electronics, of Seattle, is now offering a scanning color sonar for the sport fisherman. The SS190 follows the introduction last year of the commercial size SS265. The SS190 Digital Color Sonar presents a full-color, nonfading display that can be viewed on any video monitor or TV. The compact soundome, only three inches in diameter, operates in a 360 degree or sector scan, and transmits a high frequency signal. A built-in microprocessor analyzes the returning signal and displays undersea surroundings in color. Targets are indicated in one of seven shades from red (most reflective) to blue (least reflective). The color is a direct indication of a target—a reef, for example, might generate a strong return signal and appear on the screen as red. This short range sonar (800 feet maximum) provides a detailed, easy to interpret picture of fish schools, bottom contours, reefs and wrecks. The SS190's Range Ring allows the operator to search out a target and find its exact depth and horizontal range (in feet) from the vessel.

Echotec: Echovision, from this Bainbridge Island, Washington company, includes both simple models transmitting seven colors to any color TV and top-of-the-line units providing high resolution monitors for color displays. The control module is housed in an aluminum case, is easy to install and has a touch panel keyboard. In size it's smaller than a desk telephone and can be mounted on a ceiling, table top, or integrated into a console. Features include fish zone alarm, anchor watch, depth alarm, picture freeze, adjustable scan rate, variable range marker, and choice of feet, fathoms, or meters. Lists range from $995 to $1795.

Others: Though details haven't been supplied, I do know that Epsco has two new Chromoscopes out in the 8800 and 888, and King Marine has an economical color sounder. Aquasonic handles the AE410 (120 feet) and AE430 (240 feet) flasher/recorders in either 16-degree or 54-degree cone angle versions. These are the old Garcia units, and those seeking parts for those machines can contact Aquasonic at 2515 Willowbrook Rd., Suite 107, Dallas, TX 752220. Aqua Meter retains the 390 straight line recorder with four-inch paper and ranges from 0-15 to 0-480 feet. The 390 has both white line and gray line and can be adjusted for any possible Aqua Line shade in-between. List price is $699.95.

FLASHERS

Lowrance: There's little change in this extensive line of high quality flashers. The system 2000 units (both portable and permanent mounts)

carry a full three-year warranty. That even includes the modern version of the "Little Green Box" portable (P300E) that started the recreational fishing electronics business in 1957. The line of on-dash flashers has been expanded to include the 3100, which features 200 watts of power and records to 299 feet.

Eagle: This division of Lowrance has added the Silent Thirty II waterproof flasher with a dual range of 0-30 and 0-60 feet. Like all the other Eagle flashers, the Silent Thirty II has a full one-year warranty, 200 watts of power, three-day turnaround on repairs, and a maximum charge of $19.50 after the warranty expires.

Humminbird: The new Super One-Twenty is a waterproof flasher, with depth scales of 0-60 and 0-120 feet, that is billed as the most technologically advanced flasher on the market. All Humminbird flashers have 300 watts of power output and provide readings to over 75 mph. Larry Colombo has some good suggestions about using a three-way power switch to operate between in-dash flasher and a chart recorder. Drop him a line at Humminbird, Techsonic Industries, #1 Humminbird Lane, Eufaula, AL 36027, or call 800-633-1468.

Aqua Meter: While folks at Aqua Meter concede that Lowrance revolutionized the graph recorder field with the X-15 last year, they feel that they've got just as big a shocker for the flasher business with their Graduate 301. This state-of-the-art LCD unit is very compact, but performs a host of functions with no moving parts. A microprocessor-based computer with color-coded, waterproof membrane key pad controls all of the Graduate's functions. As with advanced Loran C units, the Graduate can even remember the last programming before the set is turned off and starts immediately with that set of instructions. A total of eight depth ranges are available from 0-12 to 0-800 feet, and a zoom feature magnifies any depth zone. Resolution of 1/10th foot is available in any range, and the LCD reading is easily discernable from a distance in bright sunlight. Four separate alarm systems are included for shallow water, deep water, fish spotting, and anchor watch. A digital display ordinarily gives the depth, but can also supply boat speed or surface water temperature if the Paddle Wheels Sender ($85.75) and Temperature Sender ($29.95) are installed.

This super unit isn't inexpensive at a list of $398.95 without transducers, but it does more than any other flasher on the market and carries a five-year limited warranty. Any 200 kHz Aqua Meter transducer can be used, or the purchaser can choose from several options. Best is the Multi-Transducer ($149.95) that provides depth, speed and temperature. Aqua Meter is famed for their guaranteed no-spin front reading compasses and they also make the popular Cheater Flashers.

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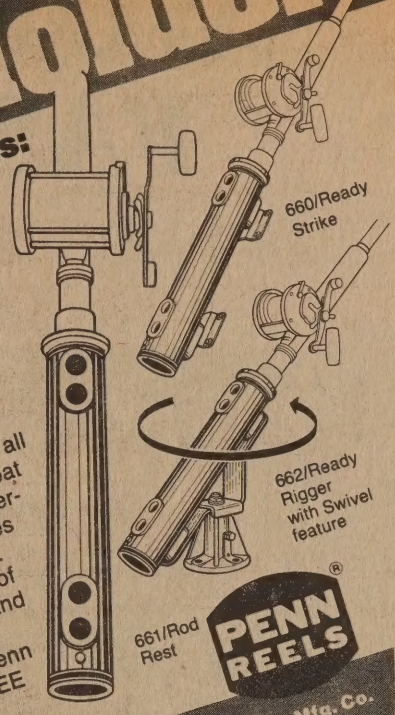

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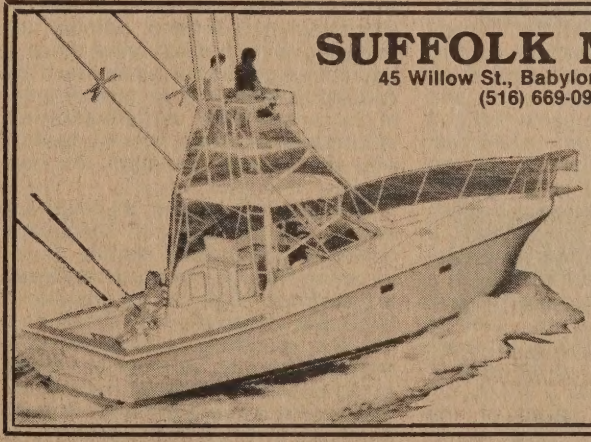

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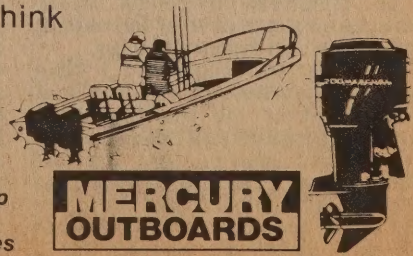

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WORKING THE FAST WATER

by John Fritz

A person doesn't really have to be an experienced fisherman to recognize the possibilities presented by an obvious rip. In an otherwise placid sea, the swirling, sometimes choppy area, as the normal flow of the current is restricted as it surges around an obstruction, is a location which will instinctively draw both game fish and fishermen. As the water rushes past these barriers, whether it be an obvious point of land or an underwater bar, the less powerful baitfish lose control of their movements, a time when the more powerful predator can easily secure a meal. Since a rip is a place where predator fish will habitually frequent when seeking food the game fish found in these areas do not require a great deal of enticement into making a strike. On many occasions the speed of the current coupled with disturbed water conditions gives the predator little time to study a lure which might seem a bit unnatural, a benefit which provides a margin of error for veteran and novice surf fishermen alike.

The most spectacular rip I have ever had the pleasure of fishing is at Great Point on the Island of Nantucket. When wind and tide cooperate their violent reaction sent the tormented seas shooting skyward to extraordinary heights, starting at the feet of any bold surfman and extending in a length arc seaward for a seemingly endless distance. This impressive sight was a condition which occurred only when the wind was vehemently opposed to a particular tide, a set of circumstances which produced both fish and a stimulating setting but was not necessary to catch fish. In this particular case, a significant rip formed without an opposing wind but in many areas a certain set of natural forces must be present to cause the creation of a rip of any consequence. Just what this set of circumstances are for any specific area must be determined by the local angler.

On Long Island most surfmen are aware that the rip off Montauk's eminent lighthouse is formed on an incoming tide. A short distance away the surfmen begin to congregate at North Bar to fish the rip which forms on the outgoing tide. Montauk regulars are also aware that certain winds affects the force of the rip and the pattern it presents in relation to the shore. On Long Island Sound a rip can be found off most prominent points of land, in this area almost invariably on an ebbing tide. On the opposite shore, with its straight seemingly faceless contour, the most notable rips are encountered in close proximity to the major inlets. The outer edges of the stabilizing inlet jetties are excellent locations from which to work a rip but numerous opportunities present themselves in less demanding places along the interior shores of the inlets.

Given this extremely brief sketch of places where rips can be found the rest lies in the hands of the individual angler. He should determine what rips are present in his preferred fishing areas and equally as important, what set of wind and tide conditions will produce the best fishing. The size of the rip need not be imposing, predators will, in all likelihood, congregate in its swirling confines if it is the prominant feature in any given stretch of shoreline. After a promising looking rip is identified the angler must decide what size and type of lure is appropriate, a determination which will have a direct relation on the weight of tackle needed to offer the best chance of success. Some of these characteristics might include the average depth and type of bottom, the size of fish likely to be encountered, the force of the rip at any given stage of the tide and how long a cast is required to cover the best parts of the rip.

No general rule can be advanced to ascertain which plug will be effective at any given time or in any general area. Large bottle plugs have been used with good results on the north shore while 5'' Rebel type swimmers have produced similar results on the south shore. If any general theory can be forthcoming then it would have to be a loosely followed guideline which states that one should use small lures during the first half of the season and large plugs as the summer wanes and the weeks grow more winter-like. Everyone looks for simple solutions to often complex problems, the same can be said of fishermen. Unfortunately this is not possible when seeking wary and sometimes frustrat-

ingly contrary game fish from the water's edge. Knowledgeable surfmen will invariably include a few small plugs in their bag throughout the fall season even though they know from previous experience that most fish were primarily interested in only the large sized lures.

In the springtime though, the 4 and 5 inch versions of the Rebel type swimmer are the principal plugs in use. The wise angler will include a variety of plugs in the floating, sinking, jointed and weighted models unless he knows that a particular type plug is useless in the rips that he fishes. It should be noted that aside from the varying characteristics of the above listed types of plugs, lures in the same class but manufactured by a different company will produce a dissimilar action. For instance of the most widely known small floating swimming plugs, the Rebel, RedFin, Hellcat, Nils Master or Rapala, each has a distinctive action of its own. The RedFin will generally work better when the rip's currents are just beginning to build whereas the Hellcats have shown that they can produce fish in the strongest rip. The problem lies in the fact that certain plugs will wobble violently when retrieved against a strong current, a movement which is too unnatural to produce more than an occasional response. An angler's odds are enhanced when fishing at night or when the waters are clouded, either condition will limit the time a game fish has to react before the lure is swept on by and lost from sight.

Although lipped swimming plugs can be used effectively in fast moving water in most conditions, there is a pair of plugs designed specifically for such use. The darter and bottle plugs, the latter sometimes referred to as a casting swimmer, are the principal lures of the big stick surfmen working the larger rips during the autumn season. These large wooden plugs, reaching weights of 3 ounces, are the accepted lures of such places as Montauk's North Bar or the Lighthouse and any angler who joins the crowd intending to fish lightweight swimmers is soon shown the error of his ways.

Fishing in a rip requires the caster to adhere to a few basic principles, especially when fishing in the midst of a crowd. If there is one drawback to fishing a rip is that it draws fishermen as well as fish. In many cases the best fishing is to be found on a narrow point of land which will permit a limited number of anglers the opportunity to work the rip properly. In circumstances such as this it is still possible for everyone to fish harmoniously provided all casters are using similar weight tackle and are casting lures which approximate the same weight and action. If all anglers are casting tin then don't buck the trend and sling out a swimming plug, when one wants to be different he should move down the beach where he will not interfere with his fellow surfmen.

The lure should be cast uptide, approximately at a 45 degree angle, allowed to swing with the current and slowly worked back to your position. Care should be taken to prevent the lure from swinging too far down tide where it will wash too close to shore and threaten to snag the legs of the anglers down the line. In most instances there is a productive portion of the arc from which most of the fish will be taken, say from directly perpendicular to your position to a point 45 degrees downtide, after that the force of the water is too great to allow the plug to work satisfactorily. In a related practice, anglers should stay in line with those on either side, for one angler who pushes out beyond his fellow fishermen can seriously interfere with their freedom of action.

Occasional crossed lines will still be encountered, a complication which can be reduced further if the anglers nearby space their casts so that each person's lure is at a different sector of its swing.

So far so good, everyone is casting and retrieving rhythmically without difficulty; now someone hooks a fish and throws everything out of synch. If the fish are on the smallish side they can be brought to hand fairly rapidly, this only requires the anglers down tide to pause in their casting while the lucky angler reels in his fish. When large, hard-fighting fish are hooked, then the angler engaged in fighting the fish should follow his prize, warning those in his path that he has a fish on, a time when all sportsmen will reel in their lures and clear the way for the fortunate angler. Once away from the crowd he can play his fish in any manner he chooses without interfering with others seeking the same experience.

On those rare occasions when a rip can be worked by a lone angler his ability to change positions at will provides him with a distinct advantage, aside from the obvious one of having all the fish to himself. Frequently the game fish will tend to congregate in a specific section of a rip at certain stages of the tide. The proper presentation of a lure to these varying locations is not always possible if the angler stays in one place. Successful surfmen will fan the waters with a variety of lures, if no results are forthcoming they will move to a different part of the rip and repeat the procedure until a productive combination is found. A solitary angler also has the opportunity to vary the speed of his retrieve. On occasion it is not even necessary to turn the handle of the reel, except to take up the slack, just let the lure swing with the current until it is forced into the shallows down current.

Surfmen working the fast water are required to demonstrate more expertise than the individual angler plugging an open beach. At times it can be exasperating but the rewards to be enjoyed will surely have one coming back for more.

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DOUBLE FUN BETWEEN THE FORKS

by John Waldman

Snowshoe flounder and tiderunner weaks entertain anglers looking to make the most of their trek east.

The best kind of problem is to have to select from an abundance of something. A calm day in mid-May can pose such a dilemma. With so much fine angling available at this time of year, combined with the always insufficient free time of the average working man, does it really make sense to be limited to just one type? A combination trip split between two or more kinds of fishing is one way to have your fillets and eat them, too.

May is that interesting transitional month when the winter and early spring species are departing from their inshore haunts while mixing with the front-runners of their warm water replacements. The next transition occurs in late September and October when even more variety is possible as the richer summer fish fauna will have built to maximum diversity just before it exits and crosses paths with the incoming winter species. A well-timed trip with a trailered boat to either of Long Island's eastern forks sometime around the middle to the end of May allows the enterprising angler to cash in on two short term, specialized kinds of fishing in one day. By that period, the run of outsized flounder at Gardiner's Island should have just peaked, while at the same time, the brief appearance of large weakfish will have materialized inside Peconic Bay.

With all that in mind, I headed out to the launching ramp at Napeague Harbor one late May morning with a fishing partner, Ike Wirgin, and his 14 foot aluminum boat. Ike is an old hand at this specialized flounder fishing and after hearing and reading about it for many years, I was pleased to be accompanying someone who understood its finer points.

The windless conditions were much appreciated as the run to Gardiner's is fairly long for a small boat. Many times the crossing can be difficult because of the ocean's proximity and because it's big water out there with plenty of fetch for the wind to kick up foam. Once arrived, however, it's always possible to escape the wind by fishing on the island's lee side.

We first tried Tobaccolot Bay which had already attracted a large and motley group of vessels. This long cove on Gardiner's southeast shore is a highly regarded spot for the biggest flounder during the latter part of the run when action tends to shift from the island's west to its east side. Despite the seemingly perfect conditions, it didn't look all that promising as 45 minutes effort with heavy mussel chumming yielded only a single fish.

A move to the northeast cove proved even less rewarding as our mussel baits went untouched. There seemed to be little life in the normally productive 15 foot depths, so it was with more than faint interest that we watched a fleet of party and private boats assemble over much deeper water to the east of the island's northern tip. A quick move found currents much stronger there, and combined with the 30 to 35 foot depths, made effective chumming nearly impossible. Unlike many locations towards the west end of Long Island, flounder here, although large, are not numerous and so an approach is needed that maximizes the number of fish encountered. One alternative is to chum heavily and draw flounder to a stationary boat. The other is to drift and intercept more fish than would randomly pass by an anchored vessel. The problem is that flounder, unlike fluke, respond best to a slow drift, something that can be difficult to accomplish because of the interactions and vagaries of wind and tide.

We settled in among the drifting flatfish armada and commenced a satisfyingly steady pick on flounder that weighed no less than 1½ and no more than 2½ pounds. These sizes may not seem so amazingly hefty but flounder that actually weigh 1½-2½ pounds are almost always much

Ike Wergin hauls aboard a typical Gardiner's Island flattie that took a mussel bait.

larger than flounder that are only "eyeballed" to be of that size. My impression is that flounder are usually "weighed" like lumber is measured. A 2"x4" board is really about 1"x3½". Conversions for interpreting many flounder catch reports might read like this: 1/2 pound = 1/4, 1 = 3/4, 1½ = 1, 2 = 1½ and 3 = 2. Beyond that size, a flounder would probably get hung on real hardware. In any event, these flounder were big, larger than the average at Quincy, Mass., and they spoiled forever a fellow who grew up fishing the western Sound. All in all, they averaged a little larger than the Quincy, Mass. flatties I was accustomed to catching, but Ike was disappointed. Not only didn't we get any of the four pound or larger flounder the area is noted for, but the fish on this trip were about the smallest he ever encountered out there.

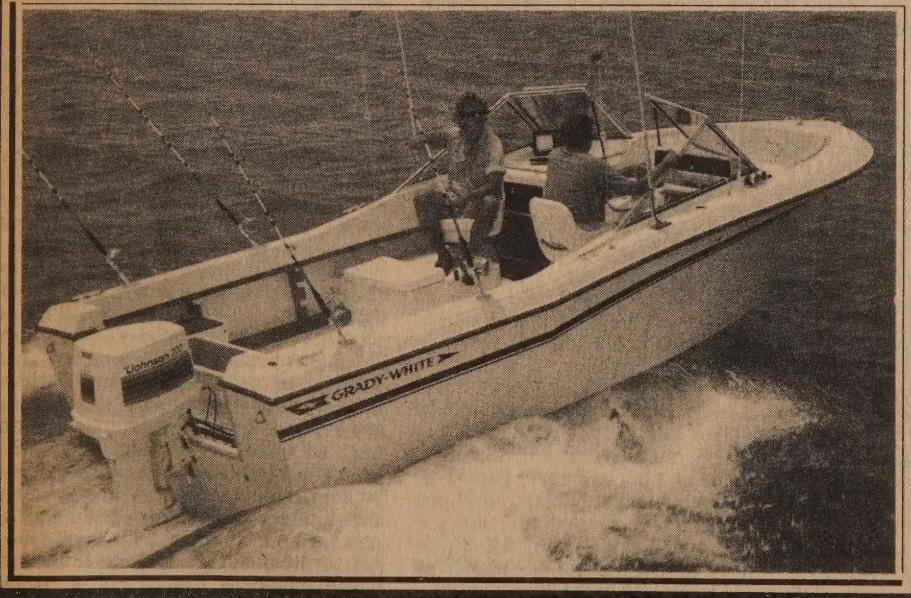
After several long, productive drifts, the action slowed as we noticed a new fleet assembling in the area of the Ruins, a tiny island due north of Gardiners. Subscribing to the theory that imitation begets success often enough to seriously consider it as an alternative, we joined this small navy which was concentrating on short drifts through the shallow rip between the two islands. This strategy produced well, but already our minds were drifting towards thoughts of large tiderunners and so it wasn't as painful as it might have been to call it quits in mid-afternoon.

We made our second launch at Noyac in the early evening, but not until we checked the catches of those who were just returning from a day's weakfishing. I was not surprised to see relatively few weakies, a goodly number of bluefish and a single doormat fluke. It's been the case, particularly during the last few years when weakfish numbers have declined substantially, that tiderunner catches have been light on bright, sunny days. Under these conditions there is often a period of very good fishing from around first light to an hour or so beyond sunrise, and then a very slow pick until evening when the action usually increases. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, bluefish have taken up some of the slack the past few years making their appearance in the Peconics very early in relation to the rest of Long Island. The choppers tend to show around May 15-20, a week to two weeks after the tiderunners.

The tide had just turned outgoing as we began our first drift in the twilight between buoys 17 and 16, a little to the east of the narrows at the tip of Jessups Neck that accelerates the currents as they slide in and out of the Peconic Bays system. With this fishing becoming less productive every year, I've found it worthwhile to use two lines at once, usually a plastic worm on a leadhead for fishing the mid-depths, and a light conventional outfit with a hi-lo rig baited with squid strips to work the bottom. A hook I've experimented with that seems ideally suited for a weakfish's large, frail mouth is the English Baitholder style. This round-wired, springy hook with its long curved shank and wide gap penetrates on the strike but doesn't tear a hole in the fish's mouth as readily as a conventionally styled hook. The round wire lacks a cutting edge and the flexible steel absorbs some of the strain. The fishing of at least two depths simultaneously is advantageous as weakfish schools may roam from just under the surface to right on the bottom. Generally though, most strikes will occur in the lower third of the water column.

We quickly took several nice weakfish on both rigs before the action stopped after full darkness. This is not always the case, however, as some nights offer excellent fishing on sand worms or squid strips while drifting or at anchor. We weren't up to it though. After 14 hours on the water, with a load of flounder and weakfish and the prospect of that long drive home, it wasn't that difficult to conclude our effort and consider it a success.

Combination trips for short runs of fish make a lot of sense if the distance to be traveled is considerable or if there isn't much free time available. With a little planning and some close monitoring of catch reports, the enterprising angler can make the most of these exceptional, but limited opportunities.



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SHORE UP FOR —TAUTOGS—

by Tom Schlichter

Long Island's South Shore produces good numbers of tautog for the shorebound sinker bouncer.

Yes, indeed folks, it's blackfish time again and for me it couldn't have come sooner. Just the thought of a strong bow in my fishing rod as a struggling tautog dives for cover is enough to make me leave the flounder grounds behind and strike out in search of the mussel beds and rock-strewn waters inhabited by these feisty, sweet-tasting brawlers. For the shore-bound angler in western Suffolk and Nassau Counties, the prospects this spring are excellent, provided the fisherman has a strong knowledge of the "where and how-to's."

Sturdy is the password in the tackle department. Blackfish live amongst sharp-edged mussels, jagged rocks and an assortment of snags. In fact, it's safe to say that if you are not hanging up occasionally, you're fishing in the wrong place. Your choice of tackle should reflect this rugged environment. Lines testing 15 to 30 pounds will do the job. If possible, choose a quality abrasion resistant line as extra insurance against cut-offs. To reduce snags, the jetty jockeys should consider using longer rods than their boating counterparts. Consider the fact that from a boat, a hooked fish is reeled straight up from the bottom. Once that fish has been raised four or five feet it has little chance of hanging up in the rocks. The shore-bound angler, by comparison, must retrieve his catch at an angle of 45 degrees or more. In effect, he is reeling the fish directly across possible snags, thus presenting a struggling blackfish with increased opportunity to burrow into foul-ups. Rods measuring seven to eight feet in length will decrease the angle of retrieve, lessening the possibility of snagging close to shore. Larger rods are also ideal for swinging fish ashore without excessive strain or fancy footwork—an advantage you will fully appreciate when scrambling over uneven boulders. Reels can be either spinning or conventional, although I feel conventional provides better feel and control when it comes to blackfishing. In either case, choose a medium/heavy reel with lots of guts so that you will be able to dictate policy to any uncooperative combatants. Keep in mind that the tackle mentioned is the ideal. Don't stay home simply because you do not own an eight foot fishing rod. Any sturdy equipment will suffice in a pinch. Ingenuity and determination are the primary elements necessary for success in the fishing game.

Although mussels and clams maintain a reputation as early season blackfish baits, they should not be the first choice of the shore-bound angler. Most inshore blackfish haunts are overpopulated with pesky bergalls which will make short work of any soft offerings. The only way to defeat these nuisances is to use baits either too large or too hard to be easily stolen. To this end, crab baits are the best bet.

Fiddler crabs are a popular choice among south shore tog seekers. These tiny crustaceans should be impaled on the hook by removing their large claw and threading the hook point through the exposed socket and out the posterior.

Green crabs also make excellent temptations; however, being larger than fiddler, they require more preparation. Greens are usually served up in halves or quarters, although some fishermen do prefer to use them whole. To prepare, peel off the top shell and slice the remainder into appropriate portions. Now, remove at least two legs from each section and insert your hook into one of the exposed sockets, same as the fiddlers, popping the hook point through another socket. Be sure to expose the barb to ensure better hooking. Calico crabs can also be presented in this manner.

Another bait worthy of consideration, though difficult to obtain, is the conch. The flesh of these shellfish is remarkably durable and will stand up well to the onslaught of Mr. Blackfish and company. If you can get any, the meat should be pounded flat and cut into two inch strips. Twist the strips onto the hook in the same manner as you would a piece of skimmer clam.

As far as hook choice is concerned, there is only one style you need consider: the Virginia. This hook has been specifically designed for blackfishing. It is strong, durable, and has the ability to quickly penetrate a tog's tire-tough mouth. The only question open to debate is which size to use. I normally employ size six hooks for my inshore fishing. These are small enough to be engulfed by smaller blackfish while possessing enough strength to tame any monster with which you may tangle.

Virginia's can be purchased pre-snelled or you can snell your own using a 12 to 14 inch length of mono leader material. Use a dropper loop to tie them two to six inches above the sinker, and you're ready for business.

Sinker weight varies according to the water depth, current strength, and line test. Under most conditions, three to four ounces of lead will get the job done. However, in some locations it may be necessary to use up to six ounces. Bank sinkers are the preferred style as they are least apt to snag. By all means, avoid pyramid sinkers as they will hang up on every other cast. The addition of snaps and swivel is normally avoided as they increase snag-ability. You may, however, find the addition of three-way swivel advantageous in fast moving water where the terminal rig tends to twist.

Keep in mind that the strike zone for blackfish is within a foot of the bottom. Baits should be kept stationary if possible. Placing your offering in the midst of cover is probably the most important rule to follow as tog will not venture far from structure for even the most alluring of baits. Long casts are not usually necessary, expecially should you be working a bulkhead or jetty. The fish will be close to the rocks and so should your line. Allow your bait to settle to the bottom while maintaining a tight line.

Blackfish signal their interest with a series of light pecks before taking the bait with a more pronounced tug. Keeping a finger in touch with the line to feel these bites will score better than simply observing the rod tip for action. When the time is right, set the hook hard and hold the rod high in an attempt to prevent the black from burrowing into bottom obstructions. A tight drag and cool head will defeat a tog more often than not, so keep the pressure on, the rod tip high and stay abreast of the situation. Blackfish are tough fighters, but you should be able to whip any fish you tie into on this tackle, provided the line does not hang up.

Starting from the west and working east, productive locations that can be fished from shore include: the north and south sides of Atlantic Beach Bridge connecting Rockaway to At-

lantic Beach, the Silver Point jetty in Atlantic Beach, Magnolia Boulevard Pier, Long Beach, the sea plane base on the north side of Reynolds Channel in Island Park, the Town of Hempstead piers in Point Lookout, the Loop Parkway bridges, Jones Inlet jetties, the Wantagh Parkway bridges, Fire Island Inlet's Sore Thumb (limited access), the Oak Beach rock piles, the rock-lined stretch of Fire Island Inlet's south side, Moriches Inlet (four-wheel drive necessary) and the west side of Shinnecock Inlet.

Naturally, there are other productive locations available. Any terrain with a high density of structure or mussel beds can harbor blackfish. The places named here are the most popular, well-known spots. Don't hesitate to seek out new waters. Who knows—maybe you'll discover a new "hotspot." (Special thanks to Skippy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle, Atlantic Beach, for his assistance in compiling some of the western "hotspots.")

A couple of ideas that may help make the game easier: first off, hone those hooks before getting started. Remember, those barbs will have to penetrate the tough mouths of blackfish, not to mention the beating they will take from the rough bottom. The sharper your hooks are when you start, the longer it will take them to dull.

Should you find yourself losing too much terminal gear due to sinker snags, try inserting a three-way swivel on your rig and attach the sinker to it with a short length of 8 to 10 pound test mono. This line will break before the main line, causing you to lose the sinker, but allowing the hook to be saved.

If a fish manages to hang up on the way in and you can find no way of freeing the rig, allow the line to go slack for two or three minutes. Oftentimes this is enough to prompt a wily tautog to swim free of obstructions, thinking he has slipped the hook. When you see the line begin to move, remind him that he's still on.

Blackfish have firm, succulent flesh and make for great eating. Filleted, they can be baked, broiled, or fried in the standard manner. One interesting recipe passed on to me by an unidentified fisherman last season is to cut a large fillet into bite sized squares, dip in flour, egg, and seasoned bread crumbs and deep fry until golden brown. These tempting morsels can then be served with a cheese sauce made by combining cheddar cheese, mayonnnaise, and milk. Use equal amounts of each ingredient and stir constantly until smooth. Let me assure you that this recipe will serve as the basis for a fine meal. Should cheese sauce be too rich for your palate, try your favorite tomato sauce.

Well, there you have it. A general guide to shore-bound blackfishing along the south shore. This season looks promising based on early results; so get out and join the fun. Good luck and good eating!

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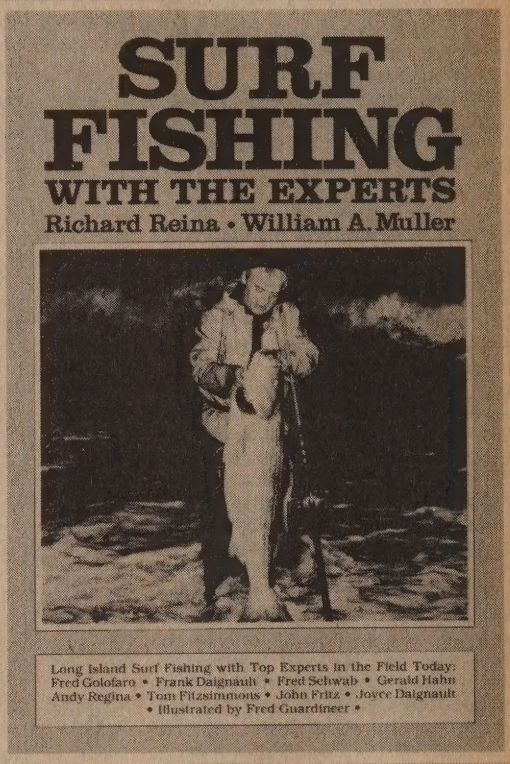
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

by Capt. Zac Grossman

You're at a friend's house, a fishing buddy, and you're nervous. "How did I get into this?" you think. None of the people at this party seem very interested in fishing. Why does that matter? It matters because your buddy convinced you to bring along your fishing movies and any second now his vioce will cut through the sound of tinkling glasses as he announces your presence. There he goes. "Please everyone, into the den, where you will see a fabulous film on fishing." They are are moving slowly, obviously absorbed in conversation with old and new friends.

Finally, everyone is seated and the lights go out, but whispered conversations linger on. Suddenly, the screen comes alive, music fills the room, and the first few moments of your film capture the audience in mid-sentence. They sit through your "epic," laughing when you intended them to, eyes widening when they are supposed to widen, and when the lights go up—applause.

The scene described above doesn't take place at the showing of everyone's "home" movies; only those few who are serious about this hobby, those few who take the time to turn a bunch of film into a movie. The effort, especially with action subjects like fishing, takes place both before and after the film is developed. You have to become a director and an editor rolled into one and develop a genuine feel for seeing the footage as your audience will eventually see it if you don't want them falling asleep on you. Most importantly, though, it takes good material and that is the subject we will discuss first.

GET IT ALL ON FILM. That is the cardinal rule, for you can always cut what you don't want later, but you can never add action you missed. As a fisherman you know how fast things can happen and how fast they can end. It's difficult to put down the rod when fish are breaking all around you and pick up a camera, but if someone doesn't do it, the moment will be lost. Getting it all on film can mean different things depending on the medium used, so let's discuss the differences between movie film and videotape.

First, there is the price difference. A quick glance at the home entertainment section of your newspaper will show that video equipment, while coming down in price, is very expensive and Super 8, the most popular movie film format, is moderately expensive. This alone may dictate your choice. You may already own Super 8 equipment and may already have many, many feet of film. Should you decide to get into video, all your film can be converted to this medium. It can be done at various stores offering this service or you can purchase the key piece of equipment, a set of mirrors and lenses into which you point a video camera and project your movie film at the same time. I did it this way (the Cineconvertor cost about $115) rather than entrust anyone with so many years worth of edited footage.

You must decide just how serious you are about this hobby. If you plan to make this a winter-long project, every winter, then videotape can come out much, much cheaper in the long run and can more than pay for the equipment. If you belong to a club or are part of a circle of buddies that usually fishes together, it can be a joint venture and made cheaper that way. Ownership of a single home machine is all that is required to show movies anywhere. The expensive portable units and video cameras can all be rented for fishing outings with the costs divvied up among the participants.

Clubs should note the benefits of purchasing such equipment with treasury money. The resultant tapes of various club functions can then be used for club entertainment at winter parties, for membership drives, and for maintaining a visual library chronicling the club's history. Copies of the tape can be sold to club members to raise revenue. A person or committee can be designated club historian and charged with recording and editing all activities.

Comparing Super 8 sound cartrides against videotape (which always has sound) shows the following: A Super 8 cartridge is 50 feet long and holds about three minutes of material and costs about $12 for purchase and developing. A six hour videotape costs about $15 and is equal in length to 120 film cartridges in length which would cost $1,440 not to mention that much of the developed film would win up on the "cutting room floor." These figures are a serious consideration if you plan to do a lot of shooting.

Videotape is re-usable and this advantage makes it easy to really get everything on "film"; just keep the trigger depressed and shoot to your heart's content. Afterwards, the good material can be extracted by coupling two machines together and copying what you want from one tape to another. Then the original can be rewound and used all over again. You cannot do this with movie film. A "work" tape can thus hold six hours of material with no waste because only good scenes will eventually be copied from it and the advantage is that keeping the machine running costs nothing.

This advantage becomes most important during a long battle. The Super 8 cartridge will end after three minues, so the photographer must be careful not to run out of film at a crucial moment and miss some hot action while putting in a new cartridge. With this on his mind, you can be sure the trigger will not constantly be on and this might mean missing some fast bit of action, like a mako's jump. With video, the trigger can be locked in the "on" position, leaving the camera man free to follow the action no matter how long it takes.

Now with the basic differences aside and the choice left up to you, let's discuss the material we want to shoot. Either format will do the trick; you just have to be more choosy with film. For the purposes of discussion from here on the word "film" is generic—meaning either movie film or tape. To come up with a pleasing final product you know that there will be much editin, so don't worry too

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031-033	Fish alongside—out of focus—*SKIP*
033-034	Gaff placed, wild action
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much about continuity while shooting. Things will be re-arranged later. Shoot everything that may prove useful. After awhile you will develop a director's sense of what the audience should see and how they will react. You can't keep them watching a fight forever. A three hour battle with a big fish is very exciting for those involved. It generates anxiety over the outcome, tired muscles, shouting of encouragements and fast paced action, but you can't keep the audience glued to the screen for that length of time. The fish must be landed before audience tension becomes too great and seeks other release.

Shoot a long fight from different angles. Add the necessary close-ups of line being pulled from the reel at high speeds, footage of the angler straining against the rod, close-ups of the angler's face. Close-ups now and then of the angler's watch can indicate a long battle. Take shots of the other people and the roles they play during the battle such as the captain at the helm, someone readying a gaff, etc. You'll need the sounds of the reel's drag, the engines, the crew offering support, etc. In short, you need to capture everything that goes on so that it can be edited later into an action sequence of just the right length to rivet the audience to their seats.

This hobby can range from not too expensive to very expensive, yet excellent results can be had at both ends of the spectrum. It depends entirely on you. When I first got into fishing and photography I had an idol—Gadabout Gaddis. He started with a $10 movie camera and parlayed his talents into a nationwide TV show called the Flying Fisherman.

Your films don't have to be about great battles with "monsters of the deep" to be entertaining. You can easily make a film about flounder fishing with the family, and make it so much more interesting than a series of "mugged" shots. You can shoot footage of the kids wrestling with a sandworm, then finally getting it on the hook and into the water. Shoot a bunch of fish being fought and landed, maybe a couple being thrown back. You can purposely stage a "Hollywood" chase scene, with the kids chasing an eel all over the dock. Remember, you can cheat and set up any kind of scene you want because it will all be edited later, for the audience. That's the magic of Hollywood.

A scene showing the fillets sizzling in the pan will have your audience squirming, and pardon the pun—eating out of your hand. Let them hear those fillets, too. You can and should play with the audience. Pay more attention to movies you pay to see and to commercials on television and study the techniques that work so well on you even when you are watching for them.

Before the season starts you should write the script for several films you intend to put together next winter and take notes about the shots that will be required. This way when the situation occurs, you can film it and have all the necessary footage when it is needed for editing.

Editing is another whole subject. We have already hit upon the importance of sequencing the scenes to create desired reactions. Sound will make the reaction complete. Sound can be conversation, mechanical noises (reels, VHF, engines, etc) and music. Again, study how important music is to the films you pay to see. Sound can range from playing a well chosen record while watching silent Super 8, like playing the theme from Jaws as accompaniment to screening a shark trip, to multi-dubbed videotape sound tracks and anywhere in-between.

Sound movie film poses a problem all its own. The magnetic head that picks up the sound during projection is not located right next to the hole (called the gate) through which the bulb's hot light passes. This means that the sound corresponding to a given frame of film is not recorded in that frame's magnetic sound stripe but is a way "down the road." This means that cutting out a bit of footage to be spliced in elsewhere will ruin the continuity of sound already recorded during the filming process. The only way out of this problem is owning a sound projector with the capability to record during projection, onto the sound stripe. If sounds on the film are desired for the finished product, you will have to record them onto a tape deck, attached to your home stereo, for example, from the film before you begin cutting it up. You can arrange them as you wish by first copying one part, then another, changing the sequence as you wish the final sound track to be. Once the film has been spliced as desired, then this stereo tape can be recorded back onto the film with the right kind of projector using the "line in" feature. (I am touching upon some of the technical considerations to make you aware of them, an in-depth article would be much more lengthy.) When re-recording a sound track, avoid dialogue where the person's lips can be read on screen, as lip synchronization at this point is virtually impossible.

Another alternative, the one I always choose when using movie film, is silent Super 8 projected on the screen with a musical sound track (no words) playing at the same time on the stereo. All you need to do is place the screen between the stereo speakers and start the tape and film off as closely synchronized as possible. Less expensive projectors have motors that are affected by power fluctuations and so do not maintain a fixed film speed from one day to another or one person's home to another. This can cause the sound and film to get out of synch during the showing, the longer the film, the more pronounced the condition. Adjusting the projection speed (switching from regular to slow

motion or fast motion for a few seconds every once in awhile may be necessary). Audio tape speed is carefully governed by the electronics of your tape deck, so will not fluctuate when the film does.

Videotape has neither problem since the sound data and video data are recorded together and the read head picks them up together. Power fluctuations are handled by the electronics long before they get to the motors. Of course, when copying selected scenes from that "work" tape to the final tape, the picture and sound are synchronized. If your video recorder has "audio dub" you can do various things with sound ranging from overlaying the track with music ((a good way to get rid of the "foul" language that can sometimes, although rarely, be heard around fishermen) all the way to creating multi-dubbed sound tracks composed of music, voices, equipment noise, sea gulls, etc. The latter requires some experimentation and coupling your video machine to your stereo tape deck(s).

Music should be chosen to create the mood but be careful. Copyrights protect most music and apply especially if the film will be viewed by the public.

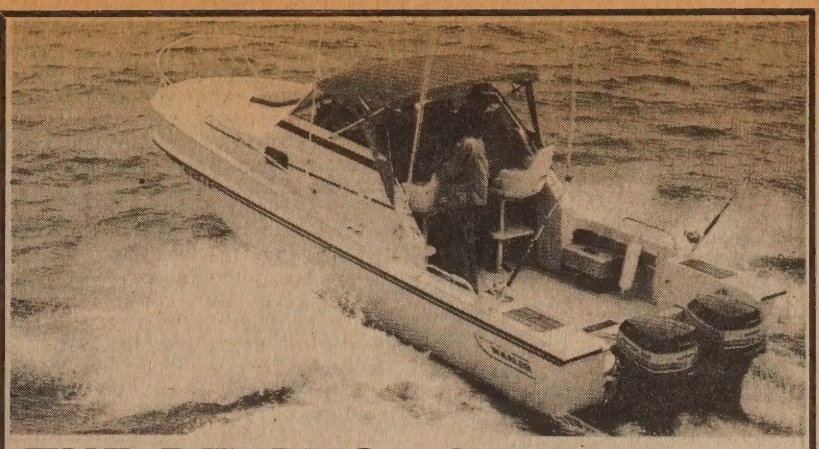
Editing is the taking of all the "filmed" material and deciding which pieces must go and which pieces must stay and what order they will be placed in. You must be critical, willing to discard footage that is boring, out of context, or out of focus. With each medium (tape or film) the first task is to become completely familiar with every inch of material. View and re-view the material (it may have been a long time since you watched it last) and create a log book. With videotape, just keep the machine running and jot down comments related to the tape counter's numbers.

With Super 8, the process is more involved. As each cartridge is viewed via projector or editor the various scenes to be kept must actually be cut out. I like placing these strips in numbered envelopes to match notes in the log. Wear white cotton gloves (camera stores sell Kodak gloves for about 25 cents a pair) to keep greasy fingerprints off the film.

Unlike videotape where "garbage" is merely noted for skipping over later, Super 8 "garbage" gets cut out and becomes real garbage. Film is flammable, so be careful with cigarettes and piles of discarded film.

With videotape, two machines are hooked together (rent that second macnine, you can get a lot done in a day) and the "work" tape is spaced back and forth according to the tape numbers in the log. Selected scenes are then copied onto the "final" tape. Apply any audio dubbing at this point and your film is finished.

When viewing time rolls around, be it before friends or fellow fishing club members, you can be sure that no one will need a wake-up call.



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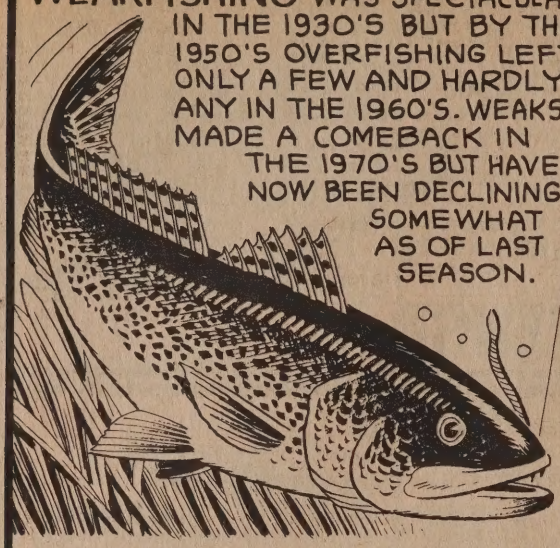
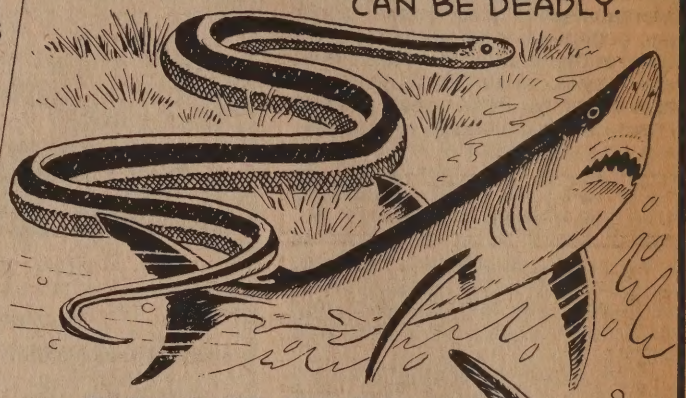


SHARKS AND SNAKES HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. THEY DATE BACK MILLIONS OF YEARS AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FEARED AND KILLED BY MAN. IF LEFT ALONE, BOTH ARE NORMALLY HARMLESS AND AVOID HUMANS. IF PROVOKED, THEY CAN BE DEADLY.



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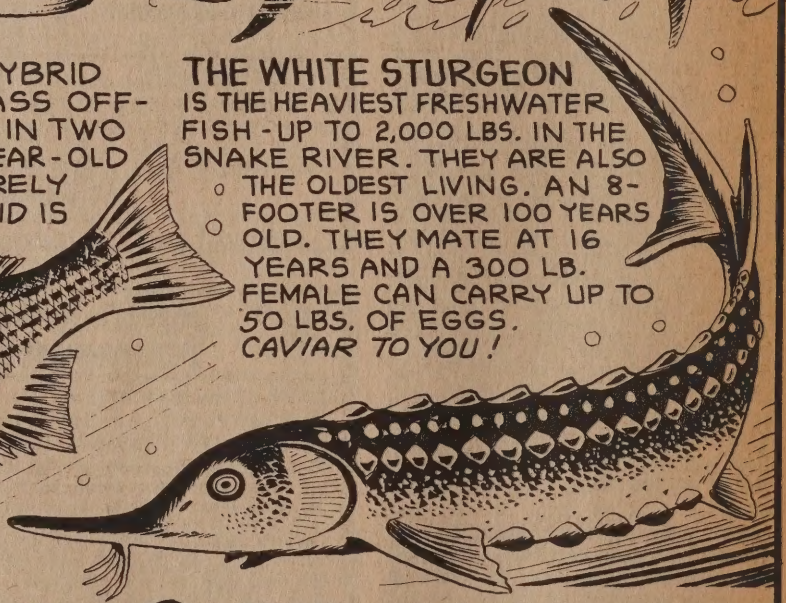

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East End REPORT

with Capt. John DeMaio

Cod fishing is still good at Montauk, given good weather. Flounder beginning to show here as well while to the west flounder are still the mainstay. Look for weakfish to take hold this week. Better weather should ensure better fishing.

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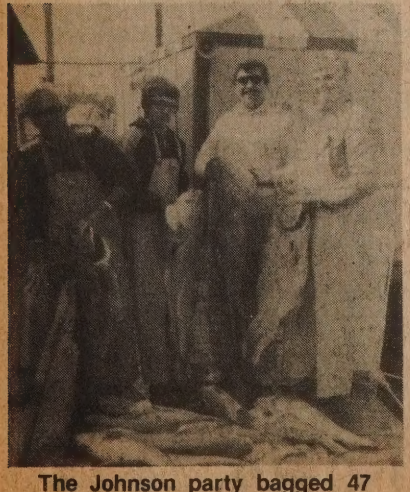
Capt. Potts of the charter boat **Blue Fin** said that fishing was "very good this week." On Monday the West party of N.J. caught 85 cod and 6 pollock, mostly 10 to 15 pounds, on diamond jigs and umbrella rigs at Block Island. Friday's charter, the Stebbings group also from N.J. had 10 cod and 6 hake. Biggest hake weighed 34 pounds. The Bess party on Saturday managed 17 cod, from 15 to 20 pounds, and 10 hake as large as 37, 42 and 48 pounds. A 26 pound pollock and cod are presently tied for the free trip prize. Capt. Potts has discovered a new bait for large hake. When cleaning the huge 48 pound hake, the mate found a blue rubber glove inside the beasts stomach. How about dropper gloves instead of dropper tubes?

This reported agrees with Capt. Potts about having good fishing all week. On Monday, my party had 26 cod to 38 pounds. Tuesday saw 45 cod to 42 pounds, 6 big pollock to 31 pounds and 6 large hake to 30 pounds. Wednesday's windy weather showed 16 cod, 4 pollock and 1 hake in 1½



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hours fishing time. Again on Thursday, 3 hake to 40 pounds, 19 cod to 40 pounds and 3 big pollock about 30 pounds. The action on Friday was similar with a total of 31 fish, 23 large cod and 8 huge hake. Saturday's strong winds prompted a flounder trip. Total was 64 flounder up to 3 pounds.

Capt. Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk** did very well on Friday with 45 cod to 39 pounds and 3 hake to 39 pounds. Also 4 pollock to 30 pounds for the Dan Doherty group.

Capt. Jake Nessel of the open boat **Blue Marlin** reported a promising catch of pollock on Thursday. A dozen big pollock for 10 people is a start of the hot run of pollock usually seen here at the end of May.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** had a good day on Saturday despite the strong westerly wind. A total of 40 cod hit the deck at Southwest Ledge, Block Island. Also, Capt. Lewis mentioned that big boston mackerel are now plentiful at Montauk.

Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reported 47 flounder to 3¾ pounds on Friday for the Polanish party. On Saturday the Boton family managed 36 flounder to 3 pounds at Gardiner's Island.

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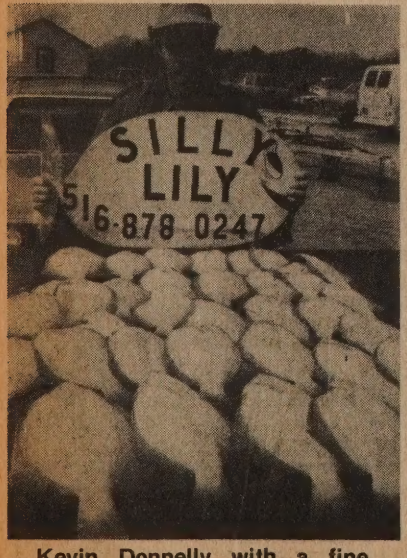
Speck's Bait and Tackle reported good fishing at Tobaccolot Bay all week. Fish up to 3 pounds in pleasing numbers plus some blacks added in. One angler fishing Promised Land tihis week had 46 flounder one day and 25 the next.

A few weakfish have been caught in the south race, but only a few. Lots of short fluke passing through the



Kevin Donnelly with a fine catch of Moriches Bay flatties to 2 lbs. Kevin did his fishing out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

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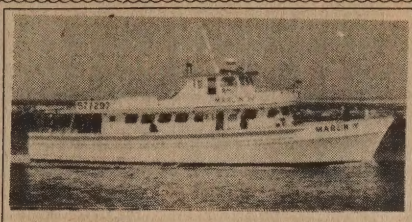

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Shinnecock Canal at present. Flounder fishing in the Basket area, still good. Thom looks for the weakfishing to open up this week.

Capt. Artie Lach of the open boat **Wilhelric II** had his best week flounder fishing to date. Average catch was 25 to 30 fish a man from ¾' to 2½ pounds. Best fishing was at South Ferry and Cedar Beach. Capt. Artie mentioned that all you fluke fans can now make reservations for the special fluke trips of June 17 and 24 and also August 12 and 26.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder remain the choice for those who like plenty of action though the ranks of those inflicted with weakfish fever continue to swell. While flatfish action in both bays has been top notch and Great South Bay weakfish far from thick, the size of some of the weaks being taken are as impressive as ever. Ocean Beach has been getting the heaviest play from those seeking trophy yellowfins.

Blackfish have established themselves in the spring picture but are bucking some pretty stiff competition for attention. After last week's mackerel slaughter, boatmen this weekend had to run upwards of 25 miles out of F.I. Inlet to find any concentration of macs. A lumpy ocean did nothing to help the cause. The number of fluke and blowfish showing up in flounder catches continue to rise but any real action with the summer flatfish is still a week or two away.

Here's the rundown from Monday morning's round of phone calls.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Lots of flounder with many falling into the 1-2 pound range according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Boats have been working between Haven's Point and buoy 43 on both tides with average scores being in the 40-80 fish per boat range. On Sunday, Tom and Gus Jsinski and Bill Dickson put away 96 flatties up to 2 pounds.

Our own "Doc" Muller joined with Nick Castoro of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** to put away a fine catch of flatties late Sunday. The pair kept only 2 dozen fish but all averaged out to 1½ pounds. The pair spent only two hours on the fish. Nick said that despite Saturday's wind and rain, tremendous number of fish were

brought back to the station. Sunday was slower but there was some good action early and late in the day. Buoy 27 has loads of fish but some small flatties are mixed in. Fish buoy 29 to the Brown House for the larger fish which range from 1½-2 pounds. Nick added that Mike and Robert Di-Gironamo showed 75 big flounder to 2 pounds taken off the Brown House.

Jim Greene of **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** spoke of excellent flounder fishing in the buoy 42 area with wind being the only detriment to a big score. To show what is possible, on Saturday, Vinnie Hoske and Ron Raynor kept 140 flatties along with returning a considerable number of lesser fish. They fished NE of 42 and used heavy clam and mussel chum. On Sunday, all boats managed in the area of 40-50 keepers per.

Capt. Chip of the **Moriches Bay** open boat **Capt. Leo D** labelled the action super particularly on incoming water. He has been working buoys 27 and 29 and noted that many of the fish are falling into the 1¼ to 1¾ pound range. Pool fish each day is between 2 and 3 pounds. Chip added that he is considering nite weakfish trips somewhere in the next 2-3 weeks. Keep an eye on his ad for details.

Capt. Ron of the **Moriches Bay** open boat **Alma** reports catches ranging anywhere from 20 to 80 flatties per man. Ron has been working the back of Great Gun Beach down to buoy 12 near the Smith Point Bridge. Fish are being taken on both tides and an occasional blackfish, blue claw crab and eels are mixed with the flatties.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Weakfish were the big news at Paul Graniello's **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** on the weekend. Another outsized weak hit the scale, this one a 15 pounder taken by George Deitz of the Patchogue Fishing Club Sunday AM. Along with fellow club members Tom Kehlenbech and J.D. May the trio put away 4 weaks from 10½ pounds on up to the big one. They dropped a few as well. Sandworms and jellyworms fished on the last of the flood at Ocean Beach turned the trick. Andy Ross used a sandworm to take a 9½ pound weak on Sunday at O.B. The Greene and Dixon Bros. combined to take 8 weaks on Thursday and Saturday nights. They fished Ocean Beach with sandworms and Jellyworms. Most of the fish were in the 8-9 pound range.

At **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban had a list of weakfish weigh-ins. Jerry McMahon led the way with a 13 pound, 12 ounce tiderunner taken at Ocean Beach on Sunday. Jolim Woo followed Jerry with a tiderunner of 13 pounds, 2 ounces taken from the same area, also on Sunday. He paired that fish with

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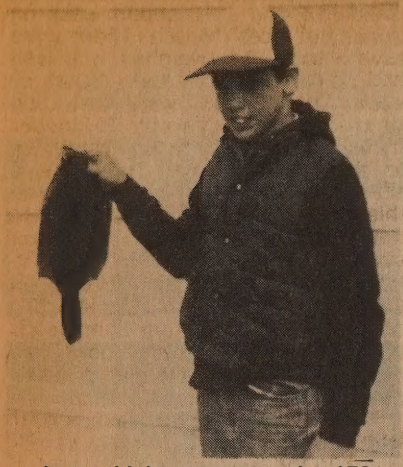
an 11½ pounder. Larry Ohler of Oakdale found a 12 pound weak on Sunday at Ocean Beach. There were several lesser fish weighed in as well and all came out of Ocean Beach or West Channel and were taken on sandworms or jellyworms. Flounder fishing in Great South Bay continues to be very productive. There was a showing of fish at the Sore Thumb this week and this action should improve as the month goes on. Lou Ward and Frank Karschick teamed to take 40 flatties at the Thumb on Saturday. Neil Rossi checked in a 20" rainbow trout taken from Connetquot State Park. The trophy bow was destined for Fish Unlimited Taxidermy.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi said that the current leader in the shop weakfish contest is George Butler with a 9.3 pounder. Anglers must be pre-registered before weighing their fish. Flounder fishing in West Channel, at the Lighthouse and the Sore Thumb is very good several days last week and plenty of flatties appear to be left in the bay. No mackerel reports on the weekend but radio chatter indicated some fish being taken well off the beach.

Excellent flounder fishing in West Channel, Dickerson Channel, along South Beach and near buoy 8 in back of West Island according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore.** Some big blowfish are mixed with the flatties in the latter spot. A few weaks being taken at Ocean Beach and buoy 12 on sandworms and Jellyworms. Most are big. Some good blackfish action at the WR buoy and the Kismet Reef and the only good mackerel catch reported was made 25 miles southwest of the inlet.

Captree open charter boats continue to make hay with the flounder. Excellent fishing is the rule most days with action being found in West Channel, Dickerson Channel, along the mussel beds along South Beach, Saltaire, Ocean Beach and The Sore Thumb. Everyone expects another two to three weeks of solid action on the flatties with the Sore Thumb gradually becoming the focal point for the best action. Capt. Gordon Roman and the **Captree Queen II** called the fishing excellent all week and weekend on both AM and PM trips. Fish are mixed in size with a lot of fish falling into the ½ to ¾ pound range and pool fish ranging up to 1½ pounds. Gordon noted that he will begin fishing weakfish this Friday (May 18) at 7PM and will continue to do so on a daily basis.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch IV** expects the real good flatfish action to last thru the rest of the month. Of Sunday's fishing, Richie said that 20 fares averaged 25 keeper flatties apiece. Saturday was also a very good day despite the weather with a few blowfish and blackfish mixed in with the flounder. Richie has been working



James Livingston earned a $70 pool with this big flattie, taken aboard the Captree open boat, "Capt. Rod."

West Channel and also had a very good shot of fish near the lighthouse on Sunday's afternoon ebb.

Capt. Richie Westerlind told of a very good pick of flounder all weekend from Ocean Beach down to the Lighthouse and including West Channel. A 7 pound blackfish was culled from among the flatties by one angler.

Aboard the **Jib VI**, Capt. Carl Passero said that the fishing has been super, consistent with catches ranging from 10-30 fish per man on the average. Some fares do much better. On Thursday's trip, Bill Meyer had 52 flatties with fishing being done at the Sore Thumb. On Friday, fishing in Dickerson Channel produced 57 flatties for John Gutman. John returned for Sunday's afternoon trip and bagged another 25 flatties. Carl added that a few blowfish are starting to mix in with the flounder and an occasional black is taken down at the Sore Thumb. Fish range from throwbacks on up to 2 pounds with a good mix of fish accounting for plenty of action.

Capt. Bob Patafio of the **Captree** charter boat **Yankee III** put in a good word for the flounder fishing in West Channel and at the Sore Thumb but he was more concerned with the nice catch of cod made on his Sunday offshore wreck trip. Bill Bandee of Long Beach had the pool fish, a 37 pound cod. Bob's next wreck trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th.

Fred Austin over at **Augies Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that flounder fishing remains excellent with Babylon Cut and West Channel continuing to get a big play. A few big weaks around with a 12.14 pounder being the biggest weighed in this week. Ocean Beach and West Channel are producing the weaks. Quite a few small fluke beginning to show up and some large blowfish mixing in with the flatties. Fred reminded that the shop is well stocked with squid, sandeels and spearing for those

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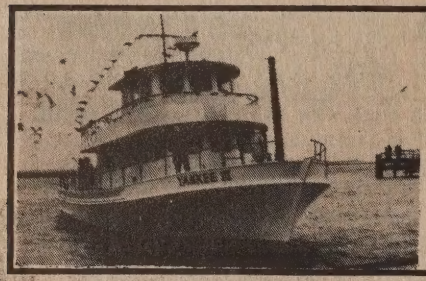

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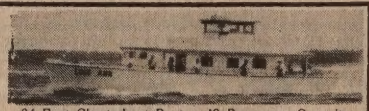

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Fred put Sandy of **Frank & Dick's Bait Station** on the phone. Sandy told of weighing weaks of 10¼ and 10½ pounds taken on Salty Dogs in the Babylon Cut Sunday AM. Flounder fishing in front of the bait station (Babylon Cut) continues hot with an occasional big blowfish mixed in. Some decent mackerel scores were made by boats willing to run 20 or more miles off the beach.

Weakfish at Buoy 12 in front of the Sand Castle and buoy 4, West Channel on Jellyworms or whole sandworms. This from Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Mike noted that while there are not a lot of weaks being taken, the majority of those being landed are real tiderunners. There was some good blackfishing this week on the artificial reef (barge) located off of Oak Beach in Fire Island Inlet. Mackerel were scattered this weekend and it was a long ride to any decent action. Mike noted that the shop will remain open until 8PM weeknights thru the season.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle in Copiague** who weighed that impressive 16.3 pound weak last week, weighed an equally impressive flounder by South Shore standards this week. He put a 3 pound, 4 ounce flattie for Jeff Rappert on Saturday. It was taken at the Sore Thumb. Flounder action in general remains excellent. Sharpies have been drifting

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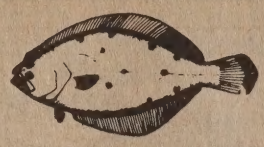

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plain jellyworms and sandworms for some big weaks at Ocean Beach. A small rubber core sinker is the only addition to the worm rig. Its fished approximately 3 feet ahead of the bait. Still decent flounder fishing along with a few small blowfish at the Amityville Town Dock and Tanner Park.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank reported that it was a tough weekend to find mackerel with the only substantial concentrations of fish being a long way off the beach. Flounder continue very good with Maryann Ferrari reporting a good score made in front of Frank and Dick's on Sunday. A couple of the fish ranged between 1½ and 2 pounds. She took the fish on the flood. Ray Whitman put away 4 weaks in the 6 pound class in West Channel on strawberry jellyworms. He, too, worked incoming water. Frank Steracci chummed 4 keeper fluke along with 15 flounder in the Babylon Cut over the weekend. Frank reminded that Edelman's is a hunting and fishing license issuing station. Both are available 7 days a week.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The fish seem to be in a holding pattern in this area, with the flounder continuing fair to very good, mackerel still being caught right through Sunday. Blackfish appear to be in very strong at the inshore wrecks, rocks and at the bridges. A few very scattered weakfish reports have come in and also a report of a stray blue or two taken by the mackerel hunters.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We learn from **Wansers Tackle in Seaford** that floundering remains excellent in such areas as Squaw Island, Masspaequa Cove, 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges and 4 Corners. Fish are mostly keepers from 3/4 to 1 lb. Blacks at the Meadowbrook Bridge and Kismet Reef on fiddlers and green crab. Mike and Ronni Rossi of Bethpage had 9 of these sluggers up to 5 lbs. at Kismet Reef.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** relayed word that flounder fishing during the week up to the weekend was extremely good to the tune of 50-60 fish per boat in addition to some scattered bay blues, blacks and sea bass. On Thursday the Schnarrs family totaled 96 fish including

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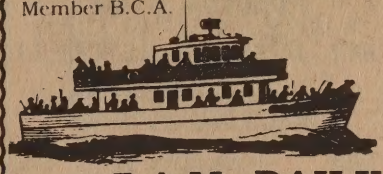

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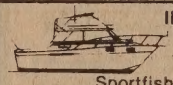

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several blowfish. Over the weekend the Teller group totalled 60 keeper flounder.

We hear from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** that several customers reported seeing weakfish being caught at the Captree drawbridge on jelly worms and on bucktails tipped with pork rind. These fish were in the 4 to 6 lb. class. Merrick Bay as far as Scott knew as a good producer right through the weekend of flounder of mixed sizes.

Larry at **Mako Marina** asked us to remind you about his Saturday July 14th 4th Annual Mako Shark Tournament. THe marina should be called for all details. See ad for number.

The word from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** is that the **Super Spray II** chased and caught macks Sunday but has now switched their program to 2 fluke trips daily. The Association charter boats have been pounding a lot of good flounder right through the weekend with a lot of 1½ and 2 lb. fish taken and very few throwbacks. Blackfish have been caught as well and some 16 to 17 inch fluke have started hitting. Captain Walt Scott on the **Acme II** did particularly well Wednesday and Saturday on local flounder in Reynolds, Swift and just east of the Meadowbrook Bridge.

Mackerel catches aboard the **Capt. Al** Saturday in the ripping wind were good for those who stayed at the rail and fished. On Sunday's trip, Hank Aubel of Franklin Square totalled out with 140 macks.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** told of a rather poor Saturday due to conditions but things bounced back with a super Sunday, weatherwise and fish-wise, just 45 minutes from the inlet, whaling away on big Boston mackerel. The skipper said he's shooting for another week of this fishing. Note that on May 24th at 3:30AM the boat will be sailing on a giant cod and pollock wreck trip, by reservation only.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet** came word that on the **CL III** Monday saw Steve Goldstein of Roslyn with 39 flounder and Tom Annito, Oceanside

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with 38. Tuesday saw Pat Parillo with 49 while Thursday Herb Schwarz of Long Beach hoisted 39 flounder. On Friday Muriel and Don Baglivi had 74 flatties between them up to 3 lbs., while on Sunday John Tasta of Queens racked up 53. Fish were a beautiful size this week. On the half day boat the **CL V** Thursday had Young Kim with 40 and Bernie Levine with 27 flatties. Friday saw Mr. and Mrs. George Burke with 39 fish and Massapequa Park angler Tom Kelly with 35. On Saturday Frank and Bob Atus collaborated for 53 in the PM. The pool fish hit 3¾ lbs on a digital scale at Capt. Joe's fish market. Sunday saw Ed Warballa, Gene and Joe with 75 flounder amongst them.

Captain Sy Karlin's **Bluefin Fleet** had very good local floundering over the weekend in Reynolds Channel and local creeks. Saturday, Joanne Mousseau, Hicksville was high hook and pool winner on the Chase Manhattan Bank charter fishing in the cold wind and rain. Sunday's group had a very good flounder catch as well in the same areas with the best time being both side of the low with mussel, worm and clam, with chumming a must. High hook was Josh of Rockville Centre. Jon Popper hoisted a keeper fluke Sunday.

The **Capt. Andy Fleet** had good floundering all week and weekend with best catches on the morning tides. Fares averaged 15 to 18 keepers a man and pool fish were 2 plus lbers. Best action was in Reynolds, Baldwin Bay and Swift Creek. The skipper said there were also a lot of midget fish.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** on Saturday fished Reynolds Channel with roughly half of the 60 fish caught being keepers to 2 lbs. These were fatties. The trip was for TKE Frat alumnus of St. John's. Jim Miknovich was high hook and Kevin Regan took the pool. Ebb tide

combined with worm bait did the trick.

The word from **Lou's Fishing Station** is that though the wind howled Thursday through Saturday mackerel were still bailed late in the day Sunday just 15 miles south of Jones Inlet. Flounder catches ranged from poor to very good with Reynolds and the CG station at slack among the top producing spots. Blackfishing has been very good at the bridges and rock piles with fish up to 9 lbs. A few blues were caught on the mackerel boats and gill nets. A few big weakfish were caught in the Ocean Beach area Sat. and Sun. on sand worms drifted on the bottom from boats.

A call from Marv Glade at **Sea Isle Sports** told of a 3½ lb. flounder he weighed in for Elaine Starks fishing on the boat Little Salty. The fish was caught Saturday off Short Beach Coast Guard.

Out of Pt. Lookout a call from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** advised that when the floundering was good it was super. Monday and Tuesday were just such days. On Tuesday George Binder had 50 fish. Wednesday AM saw Dave Dorman with 20 flatties. High hooks were in the 20s and 30s the rest of the week. Saturday AM saw Sid Reznik with the pool winner and 18 other flounder while Andy Nelson was happy with this 20 fish. Sunday AM had Nick Lescov with 30 flatties and Dawn Farley with 21. Allan Stevens took the pool with a 2½ lber. In the PM Donny Ross bagged a 2¾ lb. pool winner. Action was excellent on the ebb using worms. Thurday and Saturday PMs were the only tough sessions.

The word from **Ed's Fishing Station** was that Wednesday Ed Puzio, John Sanford and Andy Wallatek of NJ had 97 good flounder to 2 lbs. fishing buoy 17 and the flats. John Vetter of North Babylon took an 8¾ lb. black at the Meadowbrook bridge on green crab while Russ Kamer of Baldwin totaled 20 blackfish. Dave Mason, Paul Schrader and Steve Mirayes totalled 40 blacks at the Big M on greenies and fiddlers. Flounder are still plentiful on the Middle Bay flats, Scow Creek and Reynolds buoys 17-20 on a worm and mussel with fish averaging 1½ lbs.

The new from **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** is of Bob Glanda of Queens Village who fished Little Neck Bay, Saturday AM and was rewarded with 13 striped bass to 8½ lbs., all legal fish. The catch was made on a 4½ inch floating Rebel. Bob did it again Thursday late afternoon taking 4 more bass to 12 lbs. Excellent blackfishing is to be had at the Big M, specimens to 7 lbs. Three customers fishing together had 41 blackfish keeping only fish 1½ lbs. and up. This was on fiddlers. Floundering is still good with plenty of fish putting on the feed bag in Reynolds Channel. A few keeper fluke are being noted here and there, mostly there.

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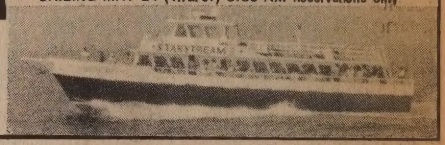

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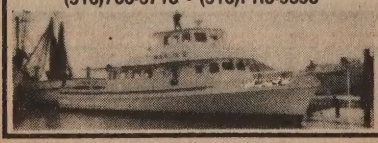

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Marina advised that flounder and blackfishing have been very good and the first fluke of the year are showing their stuff. Flounder have been excellent at buoy 5, across from the Fire House and buoy 9. Good blackfishing at the ABB and gong buoy off the Silver Point jetty on greens and fiddlers. A few sharpies have been getting a few keeper fluke up to 18 inches at Duck Pt., buoy 3, the Pt. Lookout and Loop bridges on white bait.

Scott Weiss of **Shane's Marine** won the Atlantis Anglers flounder tournament held April 29th . A member of Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club, Scott took first prize with a 2 lb. 10 oz. flounder. 1600 fish were weighed in during the contest.

In **Atlantic Beach Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** told of flounder being good but not great, best areas being Duck Point, Magnolia Pier and the hole on the west side of the ABB. Worm, clam and mussel all work well. Blackfishing very good at the ABB up to 6 lbs. Joe Walpin on his boat Niplow took a 6 lb. black at the ABB on fiddlers. Blackfish have been hungrily feeding from the Silver Point jetty to the gong buoy on the rocky area between the two spots.

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Flounder has been the best bet advised **Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway**, particularly off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and in the Bannister Creek area. Blackfish are there to please at the bridges and rock piles. Skip heard of a few weaks here and there but nothing could be substantiated. Blue claw crabs are

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Ed Puzio, Bruno Grabiec, and Andy Walatek accounted for 85 flounder, including this three pounder, during a recent outing from Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout. The fish were taken in Middle Bay on worms and mussels.

tarting to be caught in traps at Pete's Clam Bar.

On **Jamaica Bay Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** passed on word of Thursday's catch by John Fader of Howard Beach of a lot of blackfish, the largest weighing 3¼ and 4¼ lbs. Both tides produced on fiddlers. Sunday saw Mike Fader with 30 blacks to 4¾ lbs. All this was at the Marine Parkway bridge on an ebbing tide. Bob Barr of Chester, NY hoisted 22 flatties on worms. Fish went up to 1¼ lbs. at Silver Hole. Also plenty of flounder being caught off both the North and South Channel bridges.

From the **Sheepshead Bay** area, the **Flamingo III** reported good action all week right through Sunday on flounder and ling. Saturday was the only rough and picky day. On Sunday, the largest flounder of the season were caught with a pool winner coming in between 3 and 4 lbs. Blackfish up to 3 lbs. are mixed in also. Ling are running 1 to 2 lbs. and flounder 3/4 to 1½ lbs. All flounder caught are keepers with best action in the Sandy Hook area at Cedars. Good floundering has also started at the mussel beds off the Breezy Point Jetty.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II**, the area's blackfish specialist, told of a slow blackfish pick through Saturday but of a fantastic Sunday on his favorite Jersey drops. These critters ran from 1½ to 4 lbs. on fiddlers. Most fares filled a 5-gal. bucket full while a few had 7 gal. buckets full. A few sea bass were mixed in from 1 to 1½ lbs.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** told of very good floundering through Sunday. Monday through Friday it was flounder and ling at Cedars. Saturday due to the tough weather, the boat fished Keyport where fish hit in spurts. Sunday was red hot in the area off the Silver Pt. jetty with one drop for the day all that was required for flounder, black and a small pollock. A 3½ lb. flounder was caught and catches ranged up to 3 pails of mixed flounder and blacks.

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The word from Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** is that the Sheepshead fleet did well all week on macks, blackfish flounder and ling. Best areas for blackfish were Jersey rocks, Marine Parkway bridge and local jetties. Flounder catches have been best at Silver Hole, off the jetties and at the Round House.

Across the wet stuff in Staten Island, **Santo's Sport Shop** advised that the best action in town this week has been flounder and blackfish. Kevin and buddies had excellent blackfishing at the Bug Light with action hot and heavy for fish up to 7 lbs. Great Kills Bug Light, Princess Bay Bug Light, Old Orchard and West Banks Lights have been hot on green crabs and fiddlers. All tides produced. Flounder have been very good off the old home dock and Princess Bay from boats. Flounder pounders are scoring well from virtually all the beaches, fish ranging up to 1½ lbs. on worms and plenty of chum.

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Mackerel led Sunday's parade in the mid-Island area while blackfish were prominent on the west end. The big flounder boom on the East End continued to roll merrily along as well.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in New Rochelle figured that the blackfishing was the best bet locally with a pick of flounder. Buoy 1 close by the New Rochelle area had tautog close to the beach on fiddlers and green crabs.

John Di Cuffa at **Jack's Bait** on City Island weighed a giant 10 lb. tautog this week and said that the Matinecock area was producing as well as any. Anthony Maldari and wife Felicia took 40 big flounder near the beach at Harts Island with some fish over 1½ lbs.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** weighed two staggering tautog for Noree Gumbrecht during the week, an 11½ lb. blackfish on May 8 and a 14 pounder on May 10. Both these monsters plus a double-header of 6 and 8 pounds came from Pryble Pier. Perhaps 1000 lbs. of blackfish were taken in torrid action on soft and hard baits off the pier on Saturday. Indicative of local flounder catches was a 40-fish haul off Sthehles by Michael and Jim Peppard. Fish ranged to 1¼ lbs. Phil Nasi at the Shop was into bass in the 22-24 inch range off Center Island and said that floating worms on bobbers, Rebels and Jelly worms were standard lures now for shorts and barely legal fish in the area.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle called the mackerel fishing "decent" now with waters beginning to warm.

There are still many pods of fish not biting, but that should be changing. Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** from City Island said that the big mackerel chase went from fair on Saturday to very good on Sunday. Saturday's high hook was 25 while full sacks were possible for Sunday's crowd of 24 anglers. The boat was chasing fish at the Oil Dock in the Smithtown area.

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Callahan's and other smaller fish in the 3-5 pound class were taken on soft bait in the surf around Asharoken, as well as off Lilco. There were still flounder in the 1-1½ lb. class in the area as well. Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** detailed catches around Eatons and said that up to 9 tautog per person were in bags on Sunday. Collins noted that Captain Charlie Nappi and his daughter were working on ultralight IGFA records and may have opened up the women's 2 kg line class entries that have previously been vacant. Fred Wheeler won the Sunday pool with a 4 lb. black and also won Friday's pool. Mark Tracy was the Saturday pool winner.

Bowman's in Northport weighed an 11½ pound tautog for David Dammann. The fish was taken from the shore around Sand City. Makamha and Target Rock were also worth a shot. Flounder fishing was reliable for numbers of fish although sizes were dropping. A few bass to 5 lbs. were taken on white bucktails around Asharoken.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson had a nice crowd for Mother's Day when everybody had mackerel between Buoy 11 and the Inlet. Blackfish were in close off Oldfield and Cranes and there were flounder to 2¼ lbs. off Oldfield on the outside. **Sutler's** in Port Jefferson was giving away mackerel by Sunday afternoon and suggested the Shoreham pipe for blackfish. With blacks and macks on the scene, not much attention was being paid to the flounder.

NORTH FORK

With a small take of 1700 lbs. in local East End traps, the weakfish "run" seems to have begun in the Peconics. Some 8 fish were checked in by three lucky boats during the Friday through Sunday period, with the best tiderunner a 13¼ lber. weighed by Joe Privatelli at **Captain Marty's.** Sal Loria says that Privatelli caught his fish on a white head and jelly worm down in the South Race. The New Suffolk Station hasn't seen its first porgy yet, but there are still flounder and blackfish around.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Station** in Southold called Sunday afternoon to tell us that one privately launched boat managed three weakfish during the outgoing water between buoys 17 and 19 on jelly worms and sandworms. The fish ranged from 7 to 11¼ lbs. Cottral was happier about the flounder fishing which he termed "very, very good off Cedar Point, Mashomack, East Marion, Crab Creek Point, and even Conklins and Dering Harbor.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said that Bens Point off the State Park and Bug Light were good for fish in the 2 lb. class as well. White was puzzled by the amount of mackerel coming from the traps

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because the numbers on hook and line are very small. A few boats seemed to have a pick going on mackerel off Jessups on Sunday.

Willie at **Warren's** in Aquebogue weighed the biggest flounder of the week, a 4¼ lb. snowshoe taken off ReevesBeach by Steve Kellner. A few flatties o 3 lbs. can still be found, but smaller flounder seem to be the rule now, according to the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. There were tautog by the Motel and at Coopers Rock with the best catch at the station some 21 fish for four anglers in working 18-20 feet of water. Ron Petersen at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that most of the tautog were 3-4 pounds, but Liz Caratis weighed one large 8 lber. at the Mattituck Fishing Station earlier in the week.

The word from Gardiners grounds is that the many draggers have not yet cut into the large body of fish there and that open and charter boats are still loading up as of this writing. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had 160 large flounder to 3 lbs. for six on Monday with plenty of smaller flatties south of Shelter Island later i the week when the weather became sour. Jensen said that he also had 6-8 blackfish every day down at Gardiners.

George Porter, whose **Brand X** will be commencing night weakfish runs this weekend, saw his first big porgy from the Sound off Orient. The Brand X just missed the morning tide on Sunday off Gardiners and moved off to Petty's Bight for some flounder to 2½ lbs. However, the fishing in the Bight was actually better on Saturday despite the nasty weather.

Larry Ciccotto called Sunday night to report the best fishing he's had this year with the **Prime Time II** when a grop of 15 took some 200 large flounder to 3 lbs. off Gardiners. At least 4 fish were in the running for the snowshoe pool on that day. Dave Brennan was doing well all weekend up in the Bay with the **Peconic Star**. There seemed to be huge bodies of flatties in the 1½ to 2½ lb. class between Jessups, South Ferry and Conklins. Saturday's bag ran 12 per person, while Carl Forsyth was high hook on Sunday with 31 fish. A 6-1 blackfish took Sunday's pool. Brennan informed us of one incredible catch made a week ago Saturday by Ed Sheehan who had the season's high hook, some 65 flounder.

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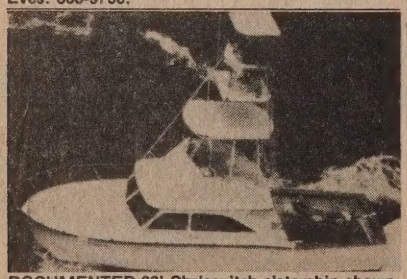

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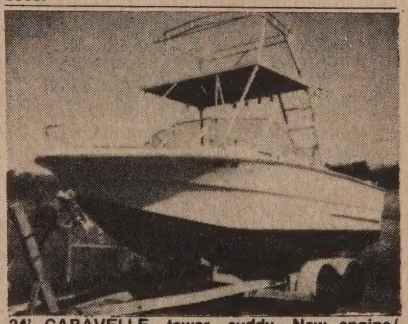

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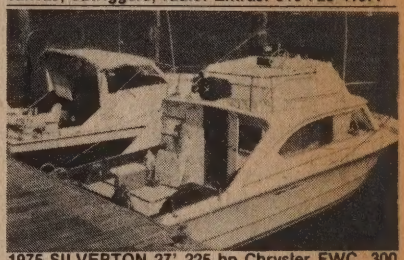

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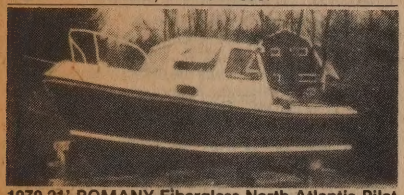

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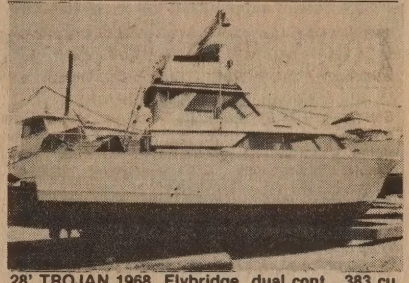

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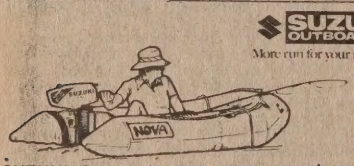

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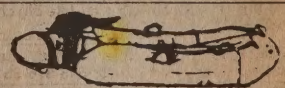

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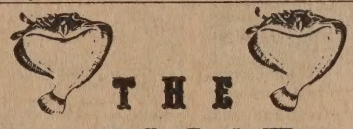

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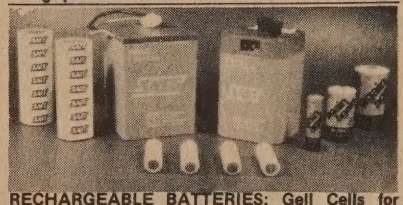

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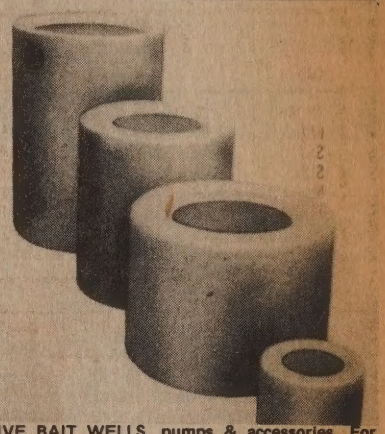

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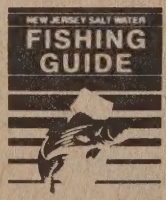

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:10	10:30	11:05	11:25	11:00	11:15	11:55	12:05	1:25	2:10	1:10	1:45	10:10	10:30	5/17
FRI.	11:00	11:20	11:55	12:10	11:55	12:05	—	12:45	2:10	3:00	2:00	2:35	10:55	11:10	5/18
SAT.	11:55	12:10	—	12:45	—	12:50	12:55	1:35	3:00	3:55	2:45	3:25	11:45	12:10	5/19
SUN.	—	12:45	1:00	1:35	1:00	1:40	1:50	2:40	3:50	4:55	3:40	4:20	—	12:40	5/20
MON.	1:00	1:35	1:50	2:25	12:50	2:30	2:45	3:40	4:55	5:55	4:35	4:10	1:00	1:35	5/21
TUES.	1:50	2:30	2:45	3:25	2:35	3:25	3:45	4:40	6:10	6:55	5:30	6:05	1:55	2:35	5/22
WED.	2:40	3:25	3:40	4:20	3:30	4:15	4:45	5:30	7:15	7:45	6:25	6:55	2:55	3:30	5/23
THURS.	3:40	4:20	4:35	5:10	4:25	5:10	5:40	6:20	8:10	8:35	7:20	7:45	3:50	4:20	5/24

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 12
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/17	5:37	8:16
FRI. 5/18	5:36	8:17
SAT. 5/19	5:35	8:18
SUN. 5/20	5:34	8:19
MON. 5/21	5:33	8:20
TUE. 5/22	5:32	8:21
WED. 5/23	5:31	8:22

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/17	11:10PM	7:20AM
FRI. 5/18	12:05PM	8:13AM
SAT. 5/19	12:52PM	9:11AM
SUN. 5/20	—	10:12AM
MON. 5/21	1:29AM	11:14AM
TUE. 5/22	2:00AM	12:16AM
WED. 5/23	2:26AM	1:17PM

Moon Phases

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5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	7:20	1:10	8:00	1:45
Fri.	8:30	2:20	9:00	2:40
Sat.	9:25	3:15	9:55	3:45
Sun.	10:25	4:15	10:50	4:40
Mon.	11:20	5:10	11:45	5:30
Tues.	—	6:00	12:10	6:20
Wed.	12:35	6:40	12:50	7:00
Thurs.	1:15	7:15	1:25	7:35

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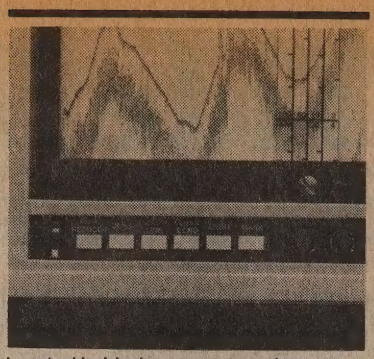

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